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Railway Park set to become first masterplan project

Plans for an 'informal amphitheatre' in Railway Park in Byron's CBD, along with other improvements, will be tabled at this Thursday's Council meeting.

Along with additional seating, parking would be reduced in front of the railway station, while the children's park would be removed and the existing toilets relocated to the north western entrance area.

Paved areas would also be created that 'promotes gathering while maintaining tree health.'

No consultation

Yet the notice of motion (NoM) to endorse the 'Railway Square Landscape Concept Plan' by Greens mayor Simon Richardson has been overshadowed again with claims of improper process and lack of consultation.

Managers of the Byron Environment Centre (BEC) rotunda in the park are angry that the mayor's NoM claims BEC consultation 'has also been undertaken.'

And within the maps provided by the mayor in the agenda, it states that 'consultation is required for the possible relocation [of the BEC rotunda] within the park.'

BEC members Nino MacDonald and John Lazarus told *The Echo* they 'met in good faith with Council last Thursday but were not responded to with good faith in turn.'

'Before meeting with BEC, Council had already printed up Thursday's Council agenda. It included a report on development in Railway Park and stated that consultation

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Passionate young art on display this Saturday

Aspiring high school students/artists/activists are preparing their environmental art for the Young Environmental Protectors art competition, to be held December 16 and 17 at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall. Pictured are Amar with the team behind the Environmental Art Prize, Tony Barry, Tim Winton-Brown, Sophia Walsh, Min Saxe, Iris Ray Nun, Holley Somerville-Knott, Lilly Knott and Frank Koori. Photo Jeff Dawson

NORTEC evicts small businesses from incubators

Aslan Shand

More than a dozen local businesses have been left reeling after NORTEC abruptly terminated the leases of all the small businesses in the three small business incubator sites located in Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Goonellabah with only six weeks to move over Christmas.

NORTEC has stated that 'The Byron Bay and Goonellabah sites will be sold.' The Mullumbimby site is not owned by NORTEC.

'I've just finished setting up a couple of weeks ago,' said Jake May of his graphic design business at the Byron incubator site.

'I feel absolutely robbed,' he told *The Echo*. 'They promised me I could have it (the space) for three years and there was no indication that it wouldn't be available for three years.'

The process to rent the incubator site involved interviews with NORTEC and 'they expected me to be committed to the business and the incubator,' explained Jake.

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Saddle Road residential rezone proposed

Senior Council staff have defended the removal of a report from the upcoming Thursday agenda on a planning proposal for Saddle Road, located on the ridgeline between Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby.

The applicants are the Dalys (Bruns Eco Village), the Borrodales, the Hayters, the Hamblys and the Bashforths. According to BEV's Kelvin Daly, the proposed area to

rezone residential is 112 ha 'gross' and 52 ha 'net' that would facilitate 475 homes. The landowners have also proposed that 20 per cent of the total area (not including BEV) would be retained by Council for affordable housing.

Director sustainable environment and economy Shannon Burt told *The Echo* she 'formed the view that it would be appropriate to allow a fur-

ther period of consultation between planning staff and the proponents and the objectors before the report was put before Council and it was therefore withdrawn from the agenda for the December 14 meeting.'

The staff report and planning proposal was provided to *The Echo* by Matthew O'Reilly, president of the Saddle Ridge Local Area Management Planning Association Incorpo-

rated (SRLAMPA), and was obtained via a freedom of information request.

He says while 21 neighbours are not opposed to the development, they believe it should be assessed through a residential strategy and other assessments. A signed petition also claims they were not offered procedural fairness that would allow them to assess the planning proposal before Council considered it.

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Bangalow pay parking needs parking study 'per the RMS requirements'

Local NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith has questioned Greens mayor Simon Richardson and his supportive councillors' decision for pay parking in Bangalow.

At a rally held Saturday morning, the Chamber of Commerce said ignored studies and flawed surveys led to councillors' decision to roll out pay parking.

Ms Smith told the rally via a letter, 'I am sorry that you have had to take to the streets in order to have your voice heard... Well done for coming out to have your say and I am sorry that I can't be there with you.'

'I am urging Byron Shire Council to do a parking study for Bangalow, per the RMS requirements, which have nothing to do with revenue raising. In fact, revenue raising is not recognised by the NSW government as a valid reason for introducing pay parking.'

'There are too many unknowns at this stage, the true impact of introducing pay parking in Bangalow is not clear, and the case to introduce it in the terms set down by RMS has not been made.'



Bangalow residents turned up on Saturday morning to object to Council's plans to introduce pay parking in the town. Photo Jeff Dawson

'The precautionary principle seems very appropriate at this time - if we are not sure of the impact, then let's not impact.'

Exertion of will

Meanwhile, the town's chamber president Jo Millar told the gathering, 'This whole process is a classic example of the exertion of political will

over the proper processes that we have a right to expect from our Council staff and our elected representatives.'

In reply, Infrastructure Services director Phil Holloway told *The Echo*, 'Council's rationale for pay parking has always been, first and foremost, that it serves to improve parking turnover and access to local businesses.'

'Pay Parking schemes are a combination of time limits and the application of a charge to park and are aimed at improving access to available parking.'

'Pay parking is a means of imposing a level of self-enforcement by changing driver behaviour to increase the availability of spaces to meet parking demands in the area.'

Police numbers disputed

A reduction of 33 police officers in the Tweed-Byron Local Area Command has prompted Labor to ask Tweed MP Geoff Provest (Nationals) to explain why his government had overseen the reduction.

Labor say that NSW Police data indicate that since February 2012, the Tweed-Byron Local Area Command has suffered a reduction in police numbers by 33 police officers.

NSW Labor leader Luke Foley joined federal MP for Richmond Justine Elliot and shadow minister for the north coast Walt Secord to send a joint press release on Monday claiming that in 2012, Tweed-Byron LAC police numbers were 198, but under the Berejiklian government, those number have dropped to 165.

New station

They say the drop in police numbers has occurred despite the official opening of the new Tweed Police Station and promises by Nationals Tweed MP Geoff Provest to increase police numbers.

Mrs Elliot called on Nationals Mr Provest to 'stand up to his Sydney-centric Liberal-National government, which is spending \$2.5

billion on Sydney stadiums instead of police officers in the Tweed.'

Nationals reply

Nationals Tweed MP Geoff Provest is chair of the committee on law and safety.

He told *The Echo* that Labor were quoting old figures. 'We announced Friday that Tweed will get five new probationary officers and that 400 new police are expected to join the force soon. I'm hopeful that some of those will be stationed in Tweed.'

Additionally Mr Provest says four new water police will soon be stationed in Tweed Shire, and they will command a 52-foot boat capable of a 100km range.

When asked about the lack of police stationed in Mullumbimby, Mr Provest said he wasn't aware of that, but would take it up with the local area commander. 'Policing has changed over the years,' he said. 'There is more mobile policing with highway patrols for example. Also, the crime rate is at an all-time low, and there is also an 87 per cent conviction rate, which indicates the police are doing their briefs well.'

SECRET SOUNDS & MJS PRESENTS

FALLS FESTIVAL

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THE FALLS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL is being held at North Byron Parklands, Wooyung, on Saturday 30th December (11.00am to 2.00am), Sunday 31st December 2017 (9.00am to 2.00am), Monday 1st January (9.00am to 1.30am) and Tuesday 2nd January 2018 (9.00am to 1.00am). Please note, music will commence from 11.00am each day. Bands will cease operation at midnight each evening with the exception of New Year's Eve at 1.00am. Audio testing will take place for the main stages on Saturday 30th December between 5.00pm and 8.00pm with a mandatory minimum one-hour sound check being imposed to test the system.

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS INCLUDE

- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h along Tweed Valley Way between Yelgun Road and Jones Road, and off-ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- The majority of Festival patrons coming from the north to the Festival site will travel via Mooball using Cudgera Creek Road, Pottsville Road and Tweed Valley Way. The majority of Festival patrons coming from the south to the Festival site will travel via Brunswick Valley Way.
- Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road and Jones Road at Tweed Valley Way.
- Traffic control personnel will also be in place at the intersection of Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road.
- Please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.
- Festival camping patrons will begin to arrive at North Byron Parklands from 8.00am Saturday 30th December 2017 and depart by 5.00pm Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

PARKING & ACCESS

There is NO PARKING along Tweed Valley Way or in the streets surrounding North Byron Parklands. Special Event Parking restrictions will be in place and Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the event. Fines will apply.

Camping or sleeping in vehicles within the Byron and Tweed Shires is not allowed. Maximum Penalty exceeds \$1000. Council Rangers will be on patrol throughout the event period enforcing this regulation.

There is NO PEDESTRIAN access into North Byron Parklands. NSW Police will continue to issue significant fines to any persons trespassing and/or entering the event without a valid ticket.

Local residents wishing to drop off or pick up Falls Festival patrons are strictly required to use the event's drop-off and pick-up zone located in the Southern Car Park via Entry Gate C. Use of the Yelgun Rest Area is prohibited for this purpose. There will be no inbound vehicle movement allowed into NBP between 6.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

An event Community Hotline will be in operation from 8.00am Saturday 30th December 2017 to 5.00pm Wednesday 3rd January 2018. The Hotline will be attended during the approved event hours of operation.

THE COMMUNITY HOTLINE NUMBER IS (02) 6680 4049

Local residents with parking, noise or litter concerns during the Festival should contact the Hotline and we will send our Community Response Team to assist you.

Residents can also email community@northbyronparklands.com

We thank you for your patience and understanding, and wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE FALLS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Ready to roll on solar this Sat

The much-anticipated Byron Bay solar train will be officially launched this Saturday, December 16.

Everyone is welcome to the grand opening, commencing at 11am at The Sun Bistro on Bayshore Drive. Public train rides from the North Beach platform on Bayshore Drive will run from 12.30 till 5pm, with live music and celebrations throughout the afternoon at The Sun Bistro.

The train service will travel between the North Beach precinct, which includes the Byron Arts Estate and Sunrise Beach community, to the newly constructed station behind Simmo's garage.

Byron Bay Railroad Company Development director Jeremy Holmes said, 'We searched the country and found a dilapidated vintage train, restored it, and are now powering it with a 4.6-billion-year-old power source.'

'We partnered with the incredible Tim Elderton from



Byron Bay Railroad Company Development director Jeremy Holmes takes a ride on the Shire's latest transport. Photo Jeff 'Trains, Planes and Automobiles' Dawson

Lithgow Railway Workshop to restore the train and to oversee the solar conversion along with our other partners Nickel Energy and Elmofo. Local rail industry expert Geoff Clark has been guiding the project and helping to navigate the complex regula-

tions and safety requirements.' The project has been achieved with no funding or financial support from government at any level, say organisers. The train seats 100 passengers and has room for luggage, bikes and surfboards.

The 3km journey will cost \$3 for adults with concessions for children. The Byron Bay train will operate a limited service until January when the full schedule will commence. For more information visit www.byronbaytrain.com.au.

Railway Park set to become first masterplan project

► continued from page 1 with BEC had informed the report. Nothing could be further from the truth. The BEC has not been consulted with on the Railway Park development proposal, which will come before Council on Thursday.

'BEC considers, and has advised Council in the past, that any development of Railway Park should go through a plan-of-management process to facilitate broad community input. It is unfortunate that [as] the first step to re-

solve issues between BEC and Council, that BEC has had to lodge a complaint to force the removal of a reference to the BEC from next Thursday's Ordinary Meeting's Motion concerning the development of Railway Park.'

Not discussed

And while the mayor claims in his NoM that 'The design has been discussed and is supported by the Byron Bay Town Centre Master Plan Leadership Team,' leadership team member Dr

Mary Gardner told *The Echo* that they did not discuss the future of the rotunda at last week's meeting.

In reply, Cr Richardson said the rotunda, 'will not move if the BEC wish for it to remain where it is.'

But that assurance have not been accepted by Mr Lazarus.

He said, 'The BEC has not been consulted on this park plan, and does not endorse this plan, and considers the masterplan process as a developer's Trojan Horse that

has blindsided the community and the good community members of the masterplan committee.'

Mr Lazarus ends with, 'Rescind the adoption of the masterplan and bring back democracy to Byron Shire Council.'

The rush to get started on the project could be owing to 'the requirement of the NSW Government Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure program', where 'moneys for the first stage of the works [must] be expended by April 20, 2018.'





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Ray Essery and Anna Rose launch poems and stories of region

A book launch by local poet/author Ray Essery and Anna Rose at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club last week was a great success, according to Ms Rose.

Entitled *One Hell Of A Ride*, it is a collection of stories and poems of the NSW northern rivers by Mr Essery, as told by Anna Rose.

Ms Rose told *The Echo*, 'We had a fabulous night – about 180 people turned up, many eating dinner before the show and all enjoying the club's hospitality.'

'Ray sold a heap of books on the night and the club management was very happy overall. Member for Lismore, Thomas George, an old fam-



Ray Essery, Anna Rose and MP Thomas George celebrate the launch of Ray's new book, *One Hell Of A Ride*. Photo Helen Trustum

ily friend of the Esserys, took time out to come along and officially launch the book.

'It was very much appreci-

ated by Ray and his wife, May. For more info visit www.annaroseramblings.com.au or call Ray on 0438 843 817.

Social housing waiting times increase: AG

A routine audit of the NSW Family and Community Services cluster has found that the wait for social housing is longer than last year.

Additionally, the NSW acting auditor-general says, 'unqualified audit opinions were issued for all cluster agencies' financial statements.'

The Department of Family and Community Services and its supporting agencies are the responsibility of NSW Liberal MP Pru Goward.

Acting NSW auditor-general Ian Goodwin says, 'It is pleasing to report that all cluster enti-

ties' financial statements received unqualified audit opinions for their June 30, 2017 financial statements.'

'The report highlights that non-government organisations received \$2.6 billion in government funding in 2016–17 to provide services to vulnerable children, young people and families and people with a disability. After June 30, 2018, the federal government will pay providers of disability services via the National Disability Insurance Agency.'

NORTEC evicts small businesses

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'They suggested that I talk to my boss to leave my job and have a full-time commitment to this business – so that's what I did.'

Another small business that had taken the chance to get started at the Byron incubator site is Jarrah Hustler's hair salon business, set up a year ago.

'I'm screwed,' she said. 'I can't get a new space arranged, a DA approved and fitted in six weeks. I said to them I have \$20,000 to put into this business – am I guaranteed it for three years? They said, "Yes you can have it for three years unless you break your lease". I thought as it is a government-funded business that it wasn't going to screw me over. I would have been better off not going through the NEIS scheme.'

Similarly, Goonellabah business owner Mary-Anne Meginess told *The Echo*, 'They handed me the eviction notice in a folder that had "creating opportunities and inspiring futures" on the front. I don't feel supported or inspired. This is not nurturing – it's disgusting.'

It is not only the small

businesses who are angry at the decision to sell the Byron and Goonellabah sites.

Outraged

Business Incubator & Innovation Australia board members, Amanda Kenyon and Garry Bargh, who originally helped develop the small business incubator sites are outraged that NORTEC are selling the community assets.

'An awful lot of hard work from the community went into building these,' said Ms Kenyon.

'They represent 20 years of hard community work and millions of dollars.'

The Ballina site, that NORTEC sold last year, and the Byron Bay site were handed to NORTEC when they merged BETC (Ballina skills and development centre) and Tweed-based TTEC in 2007.

'All these incubators were funded by a combination of community assets and cash from the state and federal governments,' said Mr Bargh, who was the BTEC manager at the time the sites were being developed.

'When the merger took place in 2007 the understanding was that these commu-

nity assets would remain in the community in trust and managed by NORTEC.'

Legally, NORTEC are within their rights to give only one week's notice to the businesses at the sites and business operators were only ever given verbal confirmation of longer tenure.

Both Kenyon and Bargh believe that the sites should be handed on to an organisation that has the expertise to continue to provide business incubation support and development in the same way it was previously given to NORTEC.

No expertise

'They admitted that they don't have the expertise to provide the support and the last couple of years they have done nothing,' said Kenyon.

'I've offered both the current and previous co-ordinators help to run these places properly – free – and they refused. Now we find they are flogging them off. It's robbery of the community.'

The Echo sent detailed questions to NORTEC who failed to respond before the extended deadline. For more on the story see the letters pages and www.echo.net.au.

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Spike in unvaccinated pre-enrolments requests

Paul Bibby

Local preschools have been inundated with calls from the parents of unvaccinated children trying to enrol their kids in care before tough new vaccination rules come into effect on December 31.

Staff at a number of preschools say dozens of parents have been attempting to pre-enrol their children for 2019 and beyond, in a bid to avoid the new rules, which will mean they can no longer register as 'conscientious objectors' to vaccination.

But the preschools have had to turn away almost all of these parents because of their enrolment policies or long waiting lists, leading, in some cases, to angry, emotional interactions with staff.

'We have been inundated since the government made its announcement about the new policy,' said one local preschool educator, who asked not to be named.

'They're upset, angry, and desperately trying to get their children in.

'We've even had pregnant mums ringing up trying to get their unborn children in.

'We have to say "no" because we can't do that. It's been very emotional.'

Since January 2014, child-care centres have been prevented from enrolling children who are considered unvaccinated by the NSW government unless their parents have registered as conscientious objectors, or the child has been granted a medical exemption.

However in September this year, the government amended the *Public Health Act 2010*, putting an end to conscientious objection for new enrolments. It effectively



From December 31, conscientious objectors to vaccination will no longer be able to enrol their children into preschools. Photo from International Business Times

stops children from entering the preschool system if they have not been conventionally vaccinated.

The conscientious objection option remains open until December 31, allowing unvaccinated children who will reach preschool age next year to enrol if they can get a GP to complete the form.

However, some parents of younger children have been attempting to enrol their children in 2019, 2020 and beyond under this option.

While a handful of parents appear to have been successful in this, most have not, either because preschools are prevented by their enrolment policies or they are already full.

Local mum Ziv Asher tried to enrol her two-year-old at Mullumbimby's Shearwater preschool before the cut-off date but was unsuccessful.

'It basically means that he can't be enrolled in preschool,' Ms Asher said.

'It's very disappointing, because I think preschool is important - it's where kids start to learn some important values like sharing, and where they get to interact with other kids.

'I think it's a bit sick to discriminate against little

children and to discriminate against parents on the basis of their health choices.'

Ms Asher acknowledged that there were many parents in a more difficult position than she because they could not afford to quit their jobs to care for their kids full time.

Parents whose children have not been conventionally vaccinated have already been ruled ineligible for Family Tax Benefit A and the Child Care Rebate by the federal government.

'I'm hoping that we can get together to support each other as a community by creating our own little programs for our children,' Ms Asher said.

'This is a call for the community to get together and take on the role of looking after each other's kids.'

Periwinkle

Meanwhile the retiring head of the Periwinkle preschool in Byron Bay, Ellon Gold, said it was a serious concern that the school could 'no longer be open to all children.'

'The importance of early childhood education is thoroughly researched and well-

documented.'

'Early childhood education is about walking with parents through those important early years, but some of those parents will no longer have access to us,' Ms Gold said.

'We've walked for many years with parents who have made all choices [about vaccination] and we've had a very successful community.

'I think it opens up the question of how undervalued parenting and a parent's own intuition about their child's well being is.'

Ms Gold said there appeared some confusion among some parents about the enrolment laws.

'We always enrol children for 2018 in 2017 - that's our normal practice,' she said.

'We can't enrol children to come to pre-school after 2018.

'As I understand the law we cannot enrol unvaccinated children to come to pre-school after January 1, 2018.'

NSW Health

The director of Communicable Diseases at NSW Health, Dr Vicky Sheppard, said that technically, a NSW preschool could enrol an unvaccinated child under the conscientious objection option for 2019 or 2020 if the enrolment was completed before December 31 this year.

However, she said this was entirely dependent on the individual preschool's policies and practices.

'A preschool could allow an enrolment in those circumstances but only if it was consistent with the preschool's own practices,' Dr Sheppard said.



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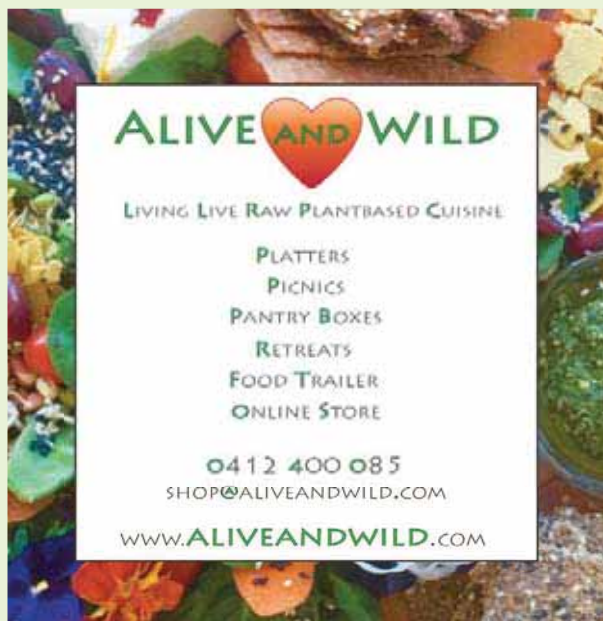
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**Stolen generation stories told through dance**

Aslan Shand

The stories of the stolen generation that young performers Hunter Mains and Kiahn Ladkin heard from their elders have inspired their own dance, 'Spirit Sister,' in honour of the stolen generation.

'The girls have been dancing together for many years,' said Kiahn's mother Melissa Ladkin.

'They have been working with [Indigenous dance group] Rekindling this year on Bundjalung country, which is the youth program from Bangarra dance company. Kiahn has also worked with Rekindling in Sydney for four weeks performing at State Dance Festival and the NSW Arts School Spectacular.'

Kiahn is Awabakal and

Hunter is Wiradjuri, and artistic director Kate Histon of their dance school, Byron Dance Dynamics, asked the girls to open their shows for them.

The girls then asked Delta Kay, from the Arakwal people, for permission and guidance to choreograph their own piece dancing on Arakwal land.

'They have always done Welcome to Country since they were at school,' said Melissa.

'Delta gifted them some ochre and painted them up before their shows.

'Delta was our special person of honour on the night and Delta was very moved by their dance and proud of their beautiful opening with acknowledgement to country.'



Hunter Mains, Delta Kay and Kiahn Ladkin. Photo supplied

Local MP arrested at QLD Adani mine site

North coast Greens MLC Dawn Walker and NSW Greens mining spokesperson Jeremy Buckingham were arrested on December 6 by QLD police after taking part in a blockade of the Adani Carmichael coal mine rail construction site at Belyando, 270km west of Bowen.

The MPs were arrested at 6.35am, along with a dozen other climate activists, and charged with trespassing un-

lawfully on a place of business.

Ms Walker said, 'It was a very important day for me, stopping work on the Adani mine and being arrested with climate activists who understand the importance of preventing this destructive project from going ahead.'

'I was proud to stand with traditional owners who have said "no means no" to Adani, and made it clear they will not be surrendering their

land and water to this coal corporation.

'Although this mine is miles from anywhere, the eyes of all Australia are on it. We have travelled days to get here but believe many more will follow.

'I'm appalled by the way this project is tearing Indigenous communities apart and offering a sub-standard agreement to traditional owners for their land, with little economic opportunity.

'On every level Adani's controversial mine does not stack up,' she said.

Non-violent direct action

Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham added, 'Greens MPs have a proud tradition of participating in peaceful, non-violent direct action and we stand with all those opposed to this crazy coal mine.'

Significant Council projects delivered: GM

Road reconstruction, recycling, flood recovery and roundabouts were significant projects delivered in the last financial year, says Byron Shire Council's outgoing general manager Ken Gainger.

Mr Gainger, who recently announced his resignation owing to health reasons, said the operations of Council 'go well beyond the traditional areas of rates, roads and rubbish.'

'In 2016/17 we completed ten major road reconstruction projects and resealed a total of 13.5km of road but we also made significant improvements in areas such as our recycling operations.'

'Byron Shire Council has a commitment to improving recycling, so to see that we collected 200kg of phones, batteries and light bulbs was fantastic,' he said.

'We opened the new North Ocean Shores sportsfield which is a great space for residents in the north of the Shire.

'Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie had a severe impact on parts of our community

– Council lobbied hard for government support and was successful in its applications for natural disaster funding for the repair of Council infrastructure and Disaster Recovery funding for affected residents and businesses.

'We also developed the Rural Land Use Strategy, which has since been adopted by Council.

'This is an important document that tries to find the balance between development and preserving our villages and districts and our rich and beautiful farmland.'

Masterplans

He added that Council staff worked with the community to develop town and village masterplans for Byron Bay, Bangalow and Mullumbimby, and Council also hosted an Affordable Housing summit to shine the light on an increasing challenge in the region.

'Our tourism industry is ever growing and we continue to grapple with how to provide infrastructure for

around two million tourists,' Mr Gainger said.

'Pay parking is going some way to providing some revenue from tourists, but Council continues to lobby the NSW government for answers to this problem, which is not going away.

'Council was awarded a special rate variation (SRV) which allows us to invest specifically in infrastructure such as roads and bridges, areas that historically have been chronically underfunded.

'Our residents constantly tell us that they are tired of the poor condition of our roads and the special rate variation will see \$40 million allocated to infrastructure spending in 2017/18.

'I am pleased to be able to report that in 2016/17 we met all of our financial targets set by the NSW government and we completed 97 per cent of our actions from our operational plan,' Mr Gainger said.

The annual report can be found on the Byron Shire Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/publications/

annual-report-2016-2017.

Meanwhile, the latest state government Fixing Country Roads funding round will see \$2.5 million worth of projects funded across the Byron Shire, according to parliamentary secretary for renewable energy and northern NSW MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals).

Bridge budget

He says the funding will rebuild five bridges in the Shire: Scarrabelottis, James, Booyong, O'Mearas and Parkers.

Co-funded with the federal government, five former Australian Defence Force steel bridges, with the existing timber bridges, will also be dismantled.

'This will increase the load limit to 44 tonnes on each of the five bridges,' he says.

'The funding will also provide much-needed maintenance work to be completed on landscaping the sites including the clearing of vegetation, slope stabilisation and the relocation of power infrastructure.'

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Department of Planning and Environment

Exhibition of State Significant Development Application and Modification Request

North Byron Parklands Cultural Events Site

Application No	SSD 8169 and MP 09_0028 MOD 3
Location	126 Tweed Valley Way, Yelgun
Applicant	Billinudgel Property Pty Ltd
Council Area	Byron Shire and Tweed Shire
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning

Description of proposal

The Applicant has lodged a State Significant Development application to enable the permanent use of the North Byron Parklands Cultural Events site for events with up to 50,000 patrons. The application involves the ongoing use of the cultural events site following the trial period, including the continued use of existing site infrastructure and the development of additional infrastructure to support the cultural events site.

A separate modification request has also been lodged to modify the Concept Plan Approval for the Cultural Events Site to reflect the ongoing use of the site as a cultural events site.

Exhibition Details

The SSD Application, Modification Request, Environmental Impact Statement and accompanying documents may be viewed electronically at the **Department of Planning and Environment** at 320 Pitt Street, Sydney or on the Department's website (www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/). You may also view an electronic copy at a **NSW Service Centre** located near you (www.service.nsw.gov.au/service-centre/service-nsw) and a hard copy may be inspected at the location(s) listed below from **Friday 15 December 2017** until **Friday 16 February 2018** during the ordinary office or opening hours of the agency concerned:

- **Byron Shire Council:** 70-90 Station Street, Mullumbimby
- **Tweed Shire Council:** Civic and Cultural Centre, 10-14 Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Have Your Say

Anyone can make a written submission about the Development Application and Modification Request during the exhibition period from **Friday 15 December 2017** until **Friday 16 February 2018**.

Your submission must reach the Department by Friday 16 February 2018. Before making your submission, please read our Privacy Statement at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy or telephone the number below for a copy. The Department will publish your submission on its website in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

To make a submission, use the online form if possible. This is available at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition/

If you cannot lodge online, you can write to the address below. If you want the Department to delete your personal information before publication, please make this clear at the top of your letter. You need to include:

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- The name of the application and the application number;
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For more information: 1300 305 695
Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001
(Your submission should be marked, Attention: Director - Industry Assessments)

Students get musical, thanks to Falls



Mullumbimby Public School principal David Lees, Byron Falls Festival director Brandon Saul, and Anna Coelho from the P&C with students Cooper Nelson, Jonny DeAlmeida, Joel Liljeqvist, Cooper Tait, Anderson Bower, Angus Ewin, Bodhi Neylan. Photo Jeff Dawson

Mullumbimby Public School is now able to purchase musical instruments to continue to establish a school band thanks to donations from the The Byron Falls Music & Arts Festival.

The school is among five beneficiaries of the grants, a result of \$1 from each Falls ticket sold contributing to a community fund that is then distributed to a range of local organisations.

Principal David Lees said, ‘Receiving a community grant from Falls will greatly assist us in supporting the emergence of the musical soul of Mullumbimby Public School, and is much appreciated by our school community and beyond.’

Five beneficiaries

The other organisations to receive the grant money are Burringbar Community Association Inc, Shaping Outcomes (Byron Bay), WIRES (Northern Rivers) and Crabbes Creek Community Hall.

A Burringbar Heritage Walk is planned with funds going to the Burringbar Community Association, while Shaping Outcomes (Byron Bay) say they will use the grant to provide resources for the children’s groups they run including ‘Ready for School’ and ‘Social Thinking’.

WIRES say they will use the grant to assist in responding to more calls to help injured, sick, displaced and orphaned wildlife while Crabbes Creek Community Hall organisers say they will use the grant to contribute towards the New Years Eve fireworks display for the community.

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Chemist right at home in Mullum

You might think that a pharmacist might feel occasionally out of place in an ‘alternative healing’ town like Mullumbimby, but not Rob Bele, owner of the popular Chemsave Pharmacy in Dalley St, which is moving this week.

‘Mullum has such a diverse culture, there are all kinds of people here,’ says Rob. ‘My interests lie in complementary medicines, ayurvedic medicine and sports endurance supplements.

Obsessed with running

‘I do a lot of endurance and trail running. I’m a bit obsessed to tell you the truth. In 2017 I did the Ultra Trail Australia 100km race in Katoomba and the Coastal High 50 on the Gold Coast hinterland, and the Gold Coast half-marathon. The running actually keeps me sane, which is handy during a move like this.’

Looking over the sea of boxes spread across two premises on moving day last Friday it’s easy to see why. There are more than 5000 lines in the shop, many with multiple packets and bottles, adding up to a lot of individual items to pack and move from their current premises to their new location right next to The Empire, on the corner across the road from the Post Office.

We needed more room

‘We needed more room to offer our customers a bigger range of products and better health services,’ said Rob, ‘and we were very lucky that we were able to take over two adjoining shops in the main street. We hope it will make it easier for our customers to visit us.’

Rob is a longtime local, having spent the last 20 years in the northern rivers, and five years at their current location



in Mullumbimby. He completed his pharmacy training at University of Queensland in 1998, and was pleased to move into the area, as he has a young family who enjoy the coastal and country lifestyle.

A friendly shop

Rob runs a friendly shop. ‘I like to think that I’m able to build up a bit of rapport with our customers, so that they trust us – my team are very experienced and professional, but I think a bit of old-fashioned service is appreciated too.’

One issue that could be very significant for some people in 2018 is that codeine-related products are becoming prescription-only in February. Rob said, ‘I’d be happy to talk to anyone about alternative over-the-counter pain management, or about what you need to do in the future to obtain codeine-related products.’

More info: Chemsave Pharmacy
Ph 6684 6226
Corner Dalley St and Burringbar St next to The Empire Cafe



Lennox Head Moreton Bay Fig tree removal sparks protest

A large and well established Moreton Bay fig tree on Castle Drive, Lennox Head, has been saved – so far – from being cut down by Ballina Shire Council.

Resident Jenny Grinlington told *The Echo* that Ballina Council approved the removal without any community consultation and only advised neighbours to be ‘patient’ while works were happening on Monday December 11.

Independent Ballina councillor Jeff Johnson told *The Echo* that it could be up to 200 years old and he was shocked to learn that fellow councillors had voted for its removal.

Cr Johnson says he was unwell and could not vote at the last meeting when it was before Council.

‘This issue has been before



Morton Bay fig tree on Castle Drive, Lennox Head.
Photo Jenny Grinlington

Council around four times and was often discussed in a confidential session. I have always voted against its removal.

Cr Johnson says Ballina Shire Council’s general manager has told him the tree will now not be removed this week, and the matter will be discussed at Thursday’s Council

meeting. An urgent rescission motion will be lodged by Cr Johnson to try to save the tree. He said, ‘The property owner is somewhat responsible for this... there is a building under the canopy of the tree. I think this decision was driven by Council’s insurers, who may have said to councillors: “We are not going to cover Council”. It probably spooked councillors.’

Neighbour Jenny Grinlington said, ‘How long will it be before every shred of our local Big Scrub heritage has been eliminated? This is a sorry Christmas gift for our community.’ Ms Grinlington believes a neighbouring property owner – not affected by the tree – threatened Council with legal action unless it was removed.

Animal cruelty charges dropped

Rodney Stevens

Animal cruelty charges against two men accused of killing ten chickens and torturing a pig at Nimbin’s Djanbung Gardens last December have been dropped.

Reece Parke and Bradley Presbury appeared in Lismore Local Court last week after magistrate Annette Sinclair adjourned their hearing part-heard on August 30.

It was alleged the men killed ten heritage chickens and tortured ‘Polly’ the pig at

the permaculture gardens on December 13, 2016.

Mr Presbury’s solicitor Tracey Randall told the court the prosecution had failed to provide her with some evidence in the case and a recording of a key witness was not disclosed to the defence.

Frustration

During the hearing, Magistrate Sinclair expressed her frustration at the progress of the matters, which she thought would be ready to progress after a four-month

adjournment.

After multiple issues with the admissibility of evidence during the hearing, the prosecution formally withdrew their case owing to insufficient evidence. Relieved supporters at the court said both men’s families had been abused for 12 months since the allegations were published in the media.

Police are no closer to finding out who slashed Polly’s snout and injured her internally, or who decapitated the heritage chickens with a stolen sickle.

Kesha, Sheryl Crow make latest Bluesfest lineup

One of 2017’s most talked about artists, Kesha, has been added to the 2018 Bluesfest bill, to be held in Easter at the Tyagarah site.

She joins other artists for the third lineup announcement: Sheryl Crow, Melissa

Etheridge, Juanes, Seu Jorge, Ziggy, Alberts, Ásgeir, Newton Faulkner, Afro Celt Sound System, Harry Manx, Harts, Holy Holy, William Crighton and Elephant Sessions. Acts confirmed so far include Lionel Richie, Robert Plant

And The Sensational Space Shifters, John Butler Trio, Tash Sultana, Seal, Jackson Browne, Michael Franti & Spearhead and Canned Heat.

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I am working with water scientists from the University of New England, Associate Professor Darren Ryder and Dr Sarah Mika (pictured with me above) as well as Oz Fish, Conservation Australia, Ballina Shire council, and citizen scientists, to improve the health of the Richmond River.



RENTERS AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I hosted a Renters Rights Forum in Bryon Bay with stellar panel members, Anglicare North Coast, NSW Greens, North Coast Community Housing and Social Futures. Removing no-grounds evictions and giving tax credits to landlords who provide below-market rental rates and long leases, were the two big take-aways.



SAVE OUR KOALAS

Meerschaum Vale, near Ballina, was once a quiet leafy area but now is being prepared for the Pacific Highway upgrade, affecting residents and wildlife. We are demanding that the NSW Government act to prevent this wildlife disaster. Take action to save our koalas: tamarasmith.org.au/save_koalas_ballina



WE SAY YES!

The Greens have been standing with the LGBTIQ community since the beginning of the Marriage Equality campaign. Hopefully by the time you read this all our friends will be getting married. Well done to everyone who campaigned for this historic justice.



THE REAL GONSKI

As NSW Greens Education spokesperson I stood with the Education Minister and stakeholders to demand the full Gonski needs-based funding for NSW schools. I am pushing the state and Federal governments to ensure that every student in every school receives the Minimum Resource Standard.



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Bring a cushion and popcorn

At just 690 pages, councillors may well be breathing a little easier grappling with this Thursday's agenda, which will be discussed and voted upon at the Mullumbimby Chambers from 9am.

So what, in part, can the intelligent and discerning public expect?

Presumably the councillor majority will ignore, oops, sorry 'note', 2,055 signatures calling for them to 'Rescind the motion to implement paid parking in Bangalow.' And similarly, councillors will likely 'note' 1,828 signatures which ask to defer any consideration of Brunswick Heads paid parking until the TPS Parking Management Strategy is implemented. While these matters have been dealt with already, that's a lot of ignored voices. Bangalow residents even took to the streets on Tuesday, occupying the spots of the proposed meters to disrupt the commencement of work.

Moving on, one of the more contentious issues facing Council is how to deal with a handful of residents in Broken Head's Seven Mile Beach Road who seem to want a public road for their own use. There's a whacky suggestion in the report (not by staff) that a gate be erected.

Rocks now prevent parking along the narrow dirt road, and while the intention is to allow emergency vehicle access and prevent the everincreasing illegal camping, the present situation is clearly inequitable.

So staff have suggested an 'action plan for wider community consultation' with a \$20,000 budget for 'concept infrastructure planning investigations and surveys for road upgrades and investigation of traffic calming options.'

Staff say in the report, 'Seven Mile Beach Road is approximately 5.22km long and is unsealed for 4.8km... a very approximate cost to upgrade the unsealed 4.8km section would range from \$2.4m to \$3.1m.'

Should this be extended to become a Broken Head bypass? What would the neighbours think...

Moving on – a zero-emissions aspirations for Council operations was adopted in March 2017. So how are they placed currently?

Total emissions by sector are made up by landfill (41 per cent), sewage treatment plants (34 per cent) and general electricity (19 per cent). There is also fleet (4 per cent), street light electricity (2 per cent) and bottled gas (0.1 per cent).

Hilariously, emissions have actually gone up in the last year since the new left-leaning councillors were elected. It's only a slight increase; however, moving from '25,500 tonnes to 26,300 tonnes of equivalent carbon dioxide (t CO₂e).'

Staff say in the report, 'At this stage it is impossible to accurately project the reduction path without the Emissions Reduction Strategy being written and key major projects defined and timed.'

Thankfully there is one in the wings.

There is also a breakdown of \$76,982,457.27 worth of cash that Council has invested in credit unions and banks, 56 per cent of which is not invested in fossil fuels. According to staff, 32 per cent is invested in fossil fuels, while 12 per cent has an unknown status.

Heard of a Byron Energy Action Tank? It may be a while off, but staff have diligently prepared a report scoping how Council could create innovative projects that promote renewable energy.

For example, there is the proposed Brunswick Valley – Sustainability Centre (Valances Road), where 'A comprehensive management plan has been prepared for the entire Council-owned land parcel, including ground-mounted solar and [the] potential for a bio-energy facility.'

See – there is plenty going on and some of it is great!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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No love from PM after marriage victory

Malcolm Turnbull may not have wished to appear churlish last Thursday after the final vote on the same-sex marriage bill, but he had no choice: that was his job.

So rather than following the parliament to embrace bipartisanship after the long and tortuous procedure, he had the obligatory swipe at Bill Shorten.

Shorten, he declared, had just played politics – the previous government had done nothing, then the opposition leader had opposed the original plebiscite and then the voluntary survey, and now wanted to claim a share of the credit. Which was, of course, entirely Turnbull's own.

Well, actually the Howard government of which Turnbull was a member had legislated to destroy even the possibility of gay and lesbian marriage, and had dismissed Tony Abbott's idea of the plebiscite as an absurd cop-out, and had then been dragged kicking and screaming to it by the Nationals and his own right wing determined to scuttle the idea.

He then ran with one of the nay-sayers, Peter Dutton, to propose the voluntary survey as a device to buy time, in the hope that the issue could be quietly put to bed either through a win by the mythical silent majority the religious right assured him were waiting to clobber the concept through a campaign of lies and confusion, or, if a Yes majority eventuated, it could be discredited through a small turnout and a discredited process.

Thus while Shorten and his allies were out on the hustings, our prime minister effectively ran dead: he said he and his wife would of course vote Yes, but it was a decision for the people, not the politicians. And when he had no choice but to allow Dean Smith's bill into the parliament, he embraced a few

discriminatory amendments and abstained from rejecting others – anything not to offend the conservative rump, now revealed to be a very substantial minority of the electorate.

Not much to boast about, and still less to accuse Shorten of being devious over the whole business.

But if Turnbull was determined to drizzle on the rainbow parade, it was the College of Cardinals in *The Australian* who really ramped up the thunderstorm. Page after page

Archbishop Dennis Shanahan was at least prepared to admit that politics, and even secularism, has its place, although it had to be subordinated to the demands of the holy mother church.

by Mungo MacCallum



was devoted to whingeing about insufficient privilege for those who profess to be religious in order to safeguard civilisation as we know it.

Pope Paul the Kelly, in imminent danger of disappearing up his own fundamentalism, preached the infallible truth that after all, same-sex marriage was really a side issue, almost a distraction. What mattered was that the faithful – well, the Christians, actually, and of course primarily his fellow Roman Catholics – must be protected from the tiresome necessity of having to obey laws they didn't like.

The cheering, singing and jubilation that greeted the final vote in parliament was not a unifying moment – it was in fact a sign of the deep divisions within society (or at least the Liberal party room, which he apparently imagines to be the same thing) and if there wasn't division now, he was ready to unveil his sacred chainsaw to make sure it would fester.

The totally unnecessary review of religious freedom (as Kelly insists on calling his theocratic model) foisted upon Turnbull by the religious right was now to be the new battleground, and if Phillip Ruddock and his fellow commissioners did not deliver the discrimination and preferential treatment the Catholics wanted, well, the consequences would be profound.

Kelly did not actually threaten that they would burn in hell for all eternity, but the implicit warning was clear enough. This

was not just another skirmish in the endless war between good (the Vatican) and evil (just about everyone else); it was not even a reprise of the medieval crusades. This was Armageddon, and only the true believers, his cosseted sheep, would be saved; the others, the goats, would be cast into the everlasting pit.

Kelly's fellow religionists were not quite so extreme; Archbishop Dennis Shanahan was at least prepared to admit that politics, and even secularism, has its place, although it had to be subordinated to the demands of the holy mother church. So he will have to rely on Turnbull's oft repeated declaration: 'I just want to reassure Australians that as strongly as I believe in the right of same-sex couples to marry then even more strongly I believe in religious freedom.'

As we have seen over the saga just completed, this is not exactly reassuring for the god-botherers, especially since, as always with Turnbull, there is a loophole: 'Religious freedom is

fundamental and it will be protected in any bill that emerges from this parliament.' The bill that emerged was the unamended Dean Smith bill, for which Turnbull finally voted. So we must assume that he feels he has fulfilled his obligations.

This, of course, infuriates Kelly, Shanahan and the rest of the Curia who constantly complain about what they call the manifest inadequacy of the current many exemptions that shield believers (both genuine and opportunistic) from the hardy light of legislation that most Australians accept. Shanahan is still fighting, hoping and no doubt praying for Turnbull to return to the fold, although Kelly appears to have all but given up – he is only a step away from pronouncing anathema and excommunicating the prime minister forever.

What they refuse to accept is that Turnbull's beliefs, while possibly sincerely held at the time, are always more than somewhat pragmatic: as he memorably said only a few days ago, 'government policy remains the same until it is changed.'

The hard fact is that Turnbull's beliefs are, as Graham Richardson once remarked rather more directly, whatever it takes: specifically whatever it takes to survive within the party room and, that attained for the moment, to secure political advantage – to attack his opponents, most importantly Bill Shorten.

And now that Shorten has attempted to outflank him again, this time by writing to clerics of various hues to discuss their concerns, Turnbull will have to become even more agile in the noble art of ducking and weaving. But it was, his backers insist, a terrific week for him – the best in ages.

Which does not augur well for the remaining 50 or 60 until the next election.

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Bold experiment

The Byron Bay Masterplan Leadership Team is one of our community's boldest experiments this year. Pulled together by our Council, we meet monthly or more, with staff and councillors in attendance.

From the start, we talked about power-sharing and how to be an effective guidance group for continued discussions of the masterplan. We selected co-chairs from our own group. We adopted guiding principles. We thought we could promote better community-wide consultation before implementation.

For most of this year, we struggled with Council to create timely communica-

tion processes. In April, we did avert Sydney agencies from paving the Railway precinct. They agreed to work with our Masterplan process about Railway Park.

But in October, our communication with Council collapsed. The problem was with Council. Our councillors are still unravelling how trees got cut and the Byron Environment Centre was threatened with eviction. Now, our collective feedback to Council, bolstered by the wider community and MP Tamara Smith, sees the appointment of a dedicated Council staff liaison. We all hope this will make us a more effective community-based group in 2018.

Now in December, our communications within our group are challenged. How is volunteer membership in this group affected by changing commercial actions? Our talks are fierce and heated. We don't have an answer yet.

As a member of this group, I wish we did. Myself, I'm upset. I know exactly what I think. But important

painful meetings about this continue. As a group, we are honouring process. Please ignore the many red herrings: quotes from various people are simply quotes from various people. Watch this space for news from our co-chairs.

Mary Gardner
Byron Bay

Keep it going

The overwhelming Yes vote in the postal survey on gay marriage shows that the polls were right, Australians are not the homophobic lot that a small minority of federal politicians want to believe and govern for.

No doubt a referendum to recognise Aboriginal people in the constitution would have a similar result. Prime Minister Turnbull should now ignore the racist few in parliament and get on with it. It won't repair the damage done by white people since the invasion, but will be a start.

Our prime minister should stop pandering to the handful of racist, sexist homophobes, and climate sceptics in the

parliament and govern on behalf of the majority of decent, intelligent Australians.

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

■ Despite the most damaging political process and the consequent ongoing mental/physical anguish experienced by the LGBTQI community, Australia has taken a step into maturity by granting same-sex marriage. It has confirmed to this community their human rights. A gesture of love and acceptance. A triumph to grassroots activism.

Let's now aim for the human rights to be recognised for the First People of Australia and refugees. The former peoples have experienced 230 years of brutalisation, a history of genocide and denial of land rights and constitutional recognition.

Refugees are used as political pawns in Australia as recognised by the international community addressing human rights.

Ponder the wars we've been involved in. As Marvin Gaye sings in his protest song *What's going on...* it's time to unite, love and experience peace. Let's aim to reverse the abusive paradigm that is denying human rights. Australians, support grassroots activism to advance the human rights in Australia. All we are saying is 'Give Peace a Chance'. From an unapologetic hippy.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Goodbye

I recently announced my retirement from the position of general manager with Byron Council to spend more time with my family and address

some serious health issues that I have been confronted with over the past 12 months.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my five years at Byron Council and have had the privilege to work with a group of committed and highly professional staff and many equally committed and caring councillors. Council is indeed in excellent hands.

As to the reason for the timing of my retirement with three years still to go on my contract - I need major surgery in the New Year which will take a recovery period of six months. My doctors pretty much made this decision for me.

Through these pages I would like to acknowledge the many well-wishers who have contacted me over the past couple of weeks. The response has been overwhelming and I am most grateful.

Thank you. I also say farewell to the small but loyal band of Council detractors who have regularly filled *The Echo* letters page with often self-interested, ill-informed half-truths based on their own longstanding predisposition towards Council, successive GMs and staff.

Some of these are former councillors who ruled the council during a period when finances were run down, infrastructure (roads) funding was slashed, and they left a mess which recent councils and staff had to clean up. Credibility zero!

As a Byron Council ratepayer of 16 years, when I accepted this job I was well aware that this community is articulate, feisty and critical, and as a GM of 25 years I have relished the oppor-

tunity to work closely with many community members and groups. Together we have resolved many longstanding legacy issues.

It is invigorating to see local media giving such a high profile to Council affairs - all that needs to change is a little fairness and balance in reporting (not creating) the news.

Ken Gainger
BSC General Manager

■ *The Echo* thanks Ken Gainger for his leadership and service to the Shire over the past five years and wishes him a speedy recovery and good health for his well-earned retirement - ed.

Barking mad

Dog barking neighbour notification. Can we have this too on Council's website? - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-12-05/ruff-justice-ipswich-council-funds-barking-dog-website/9225336> - an ability to notify neighbours anonymously their dog barking is getting to you?

Len Bates
Mullumbimby

Dual citizenship

Reading between the lines it seems as though we are going to have a referendum to change the constitution to sort out the mess about who is eligible to represent us in parliament.

It also seems that both of the major parties are shit scared to enter that space because if we start to discuss changing the constitution we are likely to have, in the same process, to discuss the fact that the Commonwealth was stolen from the oldest

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WHAT?!

THIS GUY EVEN HEARING US?!

MAYOR

TREAT BYRON BAY AS A COMMUNITY, NOT A COMMODITY!

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The potential death of chess came into view this week when Google's recently purchased DeepMind division unleashed the AlphaZero chessplaying program.

DeepMind specialises in self-learning computers, a technique which was used over the past year to beat the best go players in the world in a game thought to be too complicated to be mastered by computers.

AlphaZero, given only the rules of chess with no openings or endgames, played against itself for four hours. By then AlphaZero had taught itself so much that it beat the best chess-playing computer in the world, Stockfish, 64-36 in a 100 game match without losing a game.

DeepMind's paper on the project has not yet been peer-reviewed but the published games are nothing short of sensational to human eyes. Time and again AlphaZero sacrifices material for piece activity, with the payoff only apparent many, many moves later – as if for-



mer World Champion Mikhail Tal, constantly criticised by his contemporaries for winning with 'unsound' sacrifices, had returned in computer form.

After its four hours of self-learning AlphaZero has already concluded that some standard openings, such as the King's Indian Defence, are inferior, and given another four hours might provide other remarkable insights.

It's more likely that DeepMind will turn to other tasks, such as creating a computer that could teach itself to translate languages perfectly or perhaps even make an aeroplane from parts.

However, in chess AlphaZero is already, in the words of one scientist, a Godzilla in a world of geckos.

NORTEC tosses local businesses out of the nest

NORTEC has announced that they are getting out of business incubation and putting their resources into other business development.

The reason they are doing this is they don't have the expertise to run the incubators.

Following the merger of BETC and TTEC in 2007 NORTEC took over the management of the incubators, previously managed successfully by BETC since 1996, with the opening of the first small-business incubator in Ballina.

A network of regional incubators followed with the Byron incubator built in the industrial estate in 1999. The Mullum incubator was established at the site of the Community College and another incubator at Goonellabah.

These incubators were recognised as a unique model of incubation in Australia, the majority of incubators in Australia are in large cities, and the BETC network was recognised with international awards.

Two key components of incubator management are the

provision of business support and advice on a weekly basis and that tenants only occupy the incubator for two to three years, giving new businesses an opportunity to become established. Feedback is that these key components have not been provided.

All these incubators were funded by a combination of community assets and cash from the state and federal governments. The majority of the funding came from the federal government. After completion of a contract period the assets were owned by the community organisation.

When the merger took place in 2007 the understanding was that these community assets would remain in the community in trust and managed by NORTEC.

If the incubators are sold, for millions of dollars, this will not be looked upon favourably by the community or government. It is highly unlikely that the government would give a large amount of money to another organisation if the assets are then sold off.

A solution would be for NORTEC to hand the incubators over to an organisation prepared to take over their management. If this is not done the sale of these valuable assets will be seen as nothing but a cash grab.

Once sold these buildings will no longer be incubators but just another real estate development.

The Ballina incubator was sold by NORTEC in 2016.

Garry Bargh

BETC Manager, 1989–2007

■ NORTEC have just informed local startup businesses in their incubator complexes in Byron, Mullum, and Goonellabah that they will all need to find new premises before 19 January 2018. Let's get it clear – they have apparently not done anything legally wrong as far as tenancy laws go. However the timing is disgusting – Merry Christmas to all affected by this decision!

Most small businesses do not take time off – Christmas is often the only chance own-

ers and staff get to have an unpaid break with no income – but at least it is usually something to look forward to – fewer worries and more fun for once.

However, thanks to NORTEC's decision, these businesses now have the unexpected high costs of finding rental bond, removalist fees, setting up new phones, internet access etc associated with moving a business – just as they are about to try to have some leave without pay over the holiday period.

So we will be spending our 'down time' moving, coordinating and organising the move, or fretting about the logistics and costs of it. Thanks, guys. Really impressed with your concept of 'incubation'.

NORTEC are selling off their complexes untenanted; not sure what sort of commercial decision that is: I would have thought potential landlords would prefer a complex that was at least a half occupied.

Mary-Anne Meginess
Wollongbar

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culture on the earth and that we haven't paid the rent let alone faced the ownership discussion.

Central to ownership in our economic system is inheritance law. We haven't dealt with the disinherited and dispossessed. Instead we are complaining about what the Aboriginal community is costing us. We complain that they are sitting around getting drunk and playing cards when their amazing culture was stolen and they are left with the dregs of our culture. Who will lead us out of this mess?

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

■ It is so nice to see Malcolm's happiness at the return of Barnaby. But was Barnaby really resurrected as a result of Malcolm's leadership? I suspect he won because the New England electorate are a bit tired of the Australian Government and the alternative of an (almost) New Zealander in Canberra is nearly as good as being governed out of Wellington. Could we also have a nationalised Helen Clark for PM?

Harald Ehrlich
Suffolk Park

Spirited away

In my letter last week I asked where the spirit from the Shire had gone. I was scared that the local spirit I see here

in Brunswick Heads would be damaged by the introduction of paid parking.

It may not seem obvious why this would be the case. However, I have watched and been involved in the many homegrown local events and seen firsthand the local passion from various groups that help create and maintain the Simple Pleasures ethos.

All of these events and projects require people who volunteer out of 'love', not for money.

Local community groups such as the Surf Club, Rotary and others benefit too.

These homegrown events that help cement the vision of Brunswick are financed through sponsorship from our small businesses; any downturn in the economy and this generous sponsorship would have to be the first thing to go.

But then what? Generous sponsorship and love of community and the hard work of various people are what help to keep the town alive, economically viable and full of spirit. Without the spirit, you take away the motivation.

Cherie Heale
Brunswick Heads

A little boxy

If you want to have a look at the style of development of the NSW Soil Conservation Service, take a look at the site of the old Tweed Tourist Office

on the corner of Bay Street in Tweed Heads, opposite Tweed Mall. It is energy efficient and the Soil Conservation people are very proud of it, but it is a little... boxy.

Plan well and good luck.
Tracey Stride
Coorabell

E-zone opposition

Jan Barham's article (Letters, November 29) presented an overly simplistic and hysterical sounding 'end-of-days' scenario, in which Byron Shire's entire ecosystem will collapse if E-zones aren't regimentally enforced asap. Baseless and emotive statements such as '... there will be a loss of biodiversity that can never be replaced' are not only inflammatory, they are incorrect.

Much of the private land that has been earmarked for E2 classification has been done so because those private owners have spent years – without government or Council assistance – regenerating their property. They have done so at their own expense and effort, and out of a genuine love for the environment.

So, why are so many landowners opposed to their properties being zoned E2?

There are several concerns. One is that many activities that are permitted for all other Byron Shire resident, will no longer be allowed on

a property in an E-zone. In an E2 zone you may not be permitted to build a granny flat (secondary dwelling.)

Others who, instead of regenerating their land have kept it cleared and been zoned as 'rural', have no restrictions placed upon them.

In one case a local was shocked to discover that an E2 zone is proposed for his entire five-acre block. The building of any new dwelling (either primary or secondary) is prohibited on land zoned E2, leaving him with nothing but a rates bill, and a block of unusable, unsaleable land.

The other bone of contention is that of 'existing use.' Landowners will only be permitted to continue the activities that have been taking place over the past two years. If you had been considering a change of use from, say, cattle grazing to growing bananas, this is not permitted. Implications for landowners are: (1) this limits opportunities for diversification, and a more stable income, (2) land left fallow for more than two years can no longer be farmed at all, and (3) resale value of the land is greatly diminished owing to the restrictions.

Now, before people start tub-thumping about how farming shouldn't be allowed in the region at all, the fact remains that you can't inhibit

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or remove a person's livelihood and just expect that they'll manage 'somehow,' and nor should they have to wear the devaluation of their land without some form of compensation.

Ms Barham emotively urges readers to 'stand up for biodiversity.' E-zones fail in this regard as there is no plan with regards to actively expanding and protecting biodiversity on private land: there's no planting program, funding for revegetation. In many cases, land that has been targeted as potential E2 land is in fact covered with camphor laurels or other noxious weeds. 'Biodiversity protection' is meaningless when not backed up with resources.

It is easy to champion the need for tighter land-use controls when living in town on a quarter-acre block or the prohibition of secondary dwellings when your own right to build isn't being threatened, and the value of your land keeps going up, not down. It's another thing entirely when the longevity of your financial existence is in jeopardy, and you are being left with land that is virtually unsellable...

But it really sticks in my craw when a person who has spent the last 30 years 'doing

the right thing' and regenerating their land is referred to as being 'greedy' for the simple crime of opposing the more punitive and unfair aspects of the E-zone regulations.

Maria Thompson
Main Arm

■ Jan Barham is asking us all to make submissions to save the environment by forcing E-zones on the rural dwellers of this Shire while she is happy to live on her bit of paradise that has been carved out of the coastal habitat at Broken Head.

Maybe she should let the bush on her boundary regenerate on her land as the coastal habitat is the most endangered habitat in NSW, probably Australia.

Allan Cason
Main Arm

Shark net

I wish to correct information contained in the *Northern Star* article on the shark net protest.

They stated that the 'meshing program saw 36 target sharks trapped in the nets in the 2016/17 financial year...'

This is incorrect, according to the data summary of the first trial's results on the official DPI website. The official statistics on the DPI

Summary advise: Nets: Total species caught: 275; Target shark species caught: nine; Total non-target animals: 266.

Data for significant examples of 'non' target species caught: Four dolphins; one grey nurse; eight loggerhead turtles, three green turtles. Target species represented three per cent of total animals caught. Percentage of animals released alive: 47 per cent.

Smart Drumlines: Total species caught: 39; Target shark species caught: 36; Total non-target animals: three:

Data for significant examples of target species represented 92 per cent of total animals caught. Percentage of animals released alive: 97 per cent.

The nets caused horrendously disproportionate environmental destruction, and for very little 'benefit', in comparison to the drumlines.

Mel Mott
Lennox Head

The price of me

The fact that *The Echo* would print a photograph of me dressed up as Christ Jesus 18 years ago only proves that the silly season is upon us.

This stunt was not down to the Council staff; it was in fact the elected councillors

who drove me to it. Cr Ross Tucker had moved a censure against me on the supposed basis of my unconventional behaviour, but in reality because I was frustrating the right-wing agenda. I thought Tucker's motives were obvious and didn't even prepare a reply to his motion.

I was wrong – that is, I overestimated the intelligence of my fellow councillors. Councillors Coman, Ermacora and Hoskins (my notional allies) went out of their way to dump on me in a quite personal way.

Tucker demonstrated his skill in terms of assessing people's resentments and exploiting them – which is what the right wing always do so I had no right to be surprised.

I was disappointed the *Byron News* urged my departure. It was quite nasty all round really. The price of being me. The censure motion was passed but as it had no teeth it only offended me as much as I allowed it to.

For the next meeting I dressed up as the crucified JC, complete with cross. I recall as I entered the meeting that everyone was grinning except Ross Tucker: I knew then that my 'rehabilitation' had been successfully commenced.

One practical conse-

quence though was that GM Ray Kent decided I no longer had any authority or credibility and thereafter refused to put into the agenda any notice of motion he objected to. This meant that I would have had to take him to the Supreme Court to get my stuff in, which I wasn't prepared to do at that stage.

I punished Mr Kent soon afterwards by arriving early at a meeting and taking his seat next to Mayor Kingston. I politely declined the request to go back to my usual seat. Two hours into the meeting Jenny Coman moved an 'urgency' motion that the meeting ask me again to get the hell out of that seat, a request that I again politely declined with the appropriate polite smirk, of course. Soon afterwards Council voted as to who would sit where, so that I'd be in breach if I persisted. I had no intention of doing it again anyway, which would be like telling the same joke twice.

The Echo's other error was to suggest that I've always campaigned against the 'incompetence' of the senior staff. My guess is that *The Echo* used this word after consulting with its defamation lawyers.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

Choo choo

Elements management has thought outside the box by reactivating the old train line from Sunrise to Byron town.

However, residents of Belongil are inconvenienced and put at some risk by this venture. It would therefore seem appropriate to compensate Belongilers by installing a train stop at Kendall Street.

Maybe we would visit Elements? It would also encourage Belongil residents to more conveniently visit the many businesses in the industrial estate and those in Byron proper. We and they are ratepayers too. What about it?

Wendy McTavish
Belongil

Plasticides

Do people living in rural areas who burn plastic and whitegoods to save money on tip fees understand that they are releasing carcinogenic plasticides into the atmosphere? What about the wildlife who cannot retreat to a house to escape the toxic fumes. Don't they care?

Council picks up rubbish free at residents' request. What reason do people have for doing that?

Menkit Prince
Uki



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Wildspace – Co-creating a new Learning Community is the prize

Mandy Nolan

Educator and learning activist Juli Gassner says our modes of teaching are outdated and set children up to consume and compete, rather than to engage and cooperate.

‘If we as parents and teachers understood the damage we can do to our children’s precious lifelong relationship to their learning journey by starting on the reward/punishment cycle, none of us would give another sticker, certificate or prize. Not for reading, gardening or sitting just right.’

Praise is harmful

Gassner is an advocate of the belief that praise is harmful to children.

‘The greatest tragedy is that we think we’re doing a kind and responsible adult act by praising. But all we actually do is remove children’s deeply innate sense of knowing and their internally motivated passions for a life of learning.’

‘Let’s not be frightened’ she says, ‘of the curious questions and unexpected pathways and growing passions of our children. Let’s consider, instead,

each as a gift. Let’s trust the unique journey each is here to explore. What a diversely rich mosaic of life we could live in – like a food forest in which all that naturally grows can freely and abundantly do so. Sounds like a healthy community doesn’t it?’

Community space

Juli Gassner is one of the three educators heading up Wildspace, an exciting inter-generational learning space that endeavours to deliver what’s missing in mainstream education – not silo learning into age or merit groups. People come to Wildspace to learn from each other and to engage in the sharing of ideas and knowledge, creativity and critical thinking.

This is not a school. This is an alternative learning space for the whole community.

‘We thought why not set up a learning place to have the crossover of the 16-year-olds and 70-year-olds listening to each other. We have had 20–70-year-olds participating. The project is about elders holding the young and the young inspiring elders,’ says Juli.

Wildspace is located at



Juli Gassner with Henry Coleman and Pawel Slotwinski at Wildspaces. Photo Jeff ‘Spaced’ Dawson

the space that was previously known as Shearwater’s Preschool (Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby). She is joined by Pawel Slotwinski and Henry Coleman pioneering Wildspace – a model she believes could exist in communities all around the world.

At Wildspaces, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration are key.

Pawel says that ‘part of critical thinking is that you can see something from different levels of your whole person. You can come from a body level, feeling, rational, and part of critical thinking is acknowledging that all of

them are valid. We try to have experiences that try to touch the different levels of education. We do gazing, where we just look into each other’s eyes, and we go into big-picture activism. People come here because they find something that connects with them.’

Wildspaces has a fluid program and event scheduling that appear to have more of an organic rather than ‘formal’ foundation.

‘There is something different every day,’ says Juli.

The current model has grown out of a concept that Pawel and Juli pioneered in Sydney where they offered

people the opportunity to come and sit together, cook a meal and engage in learning.

Sunday film night

Sunday night film screenings at Wildspace offer the chance to engage in discussion about the film themes. ‘It’s a classic way of teaching critical thinking,’ says Pawel.

Pawel believes that Mullumbimby is the right fit to pioneer Wildspaces.

‘We were looking for a community that was open to a project that doesn’t fit a box very neatly, but we wanted a community that needed us a little bit. We are preaching

to the converted, and it is a sticking point, but we decided that to set up for success we had to find an alternative community that would embrace our concept.’

Julie believes that it’s important to start in a community that is closely aligned with your values.

‘My friend Helena Norberg Hodge says the mistake people often make is trying to convert people who don’t have common beliefs. If you start with people who have some shared beliefs, you can become a role model for the next community. It has to start from a point of strength.’

Wildspaces is funded entirely by donation and is dependent on community support.

‘When people walk in the door we ask them to think how they are placed in the financial world,’ says Gassner.

‘If you are financially valued we like you to think about the price society pays you and donate in accordance.’

They are setting up a GoFundMe project to help with funding the program. Find out about Wildspace at wildspace.net.au or on Facebook.

All community welcome!

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A year of Trumps: Trump, widely designated 'a fucking moron', still standing tall on his hind legs

Phillip Frazer

After Trump's first year on the job, actually most of it on the golf course, a fair percentage of the world's 7.6 billion people now see that neither knowledge, understanding, compassion, nor concern for the planet press his buttons. We can only hope that he doesn't press the button, and kill untold millions of us, which I reckon he's odds on to do.

This crooked real estate moocher entered the White House with no plan other than to undo every socially useful thing President Obama did, and be his bullying self. He gave top jobs in his administration to people who'd given him campaign money, also to people who promised to demolish the agencies he hired them to manage (eg climate change denier Scott Pruitt to run the EPA into the ground), and to fellow business alpha-males like ex-boss of Exxon-Mobil Rex Tillerson who knew jack shit about affairs of state, to be secretary of state.

Mad dog military

Numerous Trump first-round picks soon quit or were fired or indicted, and to take their places in marched a clutch of retired generals from the mad dog end of the military spectrum. Trump likes these shoot-first guys but they know as little about politics and policy as Trump does. So now the void in planning and policy has been filled by a club of multi-billionaires who share a devotion to replacing government for the people with government for corporations and very wealthy individu-



Of all the images, cartoons, and photos of Trump in his first year, this wins the Gropers of the World first prize. President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt, King Salman of Saudi Arabia, and Melania and Donald Trump, with a globe in the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology in Riyadh, May 2017. Buzzfeed

als. Trump's happy to let them wreck the social system and cut his and their taxes.

How nuts are his mates?

Trump's cohort are on a mission not just to end America's experiment with incorporating liberal values into their political and legal systems, but to shut down most of the ideas of the Enlightenment: secularism, egalitarianism, inherent rights, and universal anything. And now, in this post-Harvey Weinstein era, comes the ultimate threat, the apotheosis of political correctness, its name is 'ending the patriarchy'. This must be slain with monstrous lances of the hottest steel by a mighty warrior, and buffoon Trump is their man.

'He's tough! He's a killer! I want a killer as president!' shouted Corey Lewandowski, the president's ex-campaign manager, on US ABC network talk show *The View* last week. 'You do?' said the inter-

viewer, Joy Behar. 'Absolutely!' Lewandowski roared, 'I want to make sure that we are the toughest, greatest in the world and that we are safe.'

The breadth and depth of disillusionment and disgust with these bozos is almost at the tipping point, where Washington's warring factions will find a way to tip Trump out of town. But then what?

What is to be done?

'The Democrats are unable to defend the United States of America from the most vicious, ignorant, corporate-indentured, militaristic, anti-union, anti-consumer, anti-environment, anti-posterity [Republican Party] in history' - Ralph Nader, lifelong defender of American citizens against persecution by corporations and government.*

The Democratic Party is divided between the Clintonites and the 'left'. The Clinton party is pro-mega-corporations, but also more generous

than Republicans are toward the poor, women, ethnic and racial minorities, and immigrants. This branch of the Dems backed away from labor unions, peace-seekers, and serious environmentalists and gender reformers in the 1980s, because they figured they could only get enough money to win elections if they took donations from corporations - whom they would have to be generous to once in government.

Now the Clintonites are reeling from Hillary's defeat and Bill's no-longer-defendable sex history, but the 'left' or progressive side of the Dems is fractured - and frozen out of the corporate media. Progressives don't have the numbers or a strategy to take over the party.

All this is obscured by more immediate news-magnets like sexual predation, same-sex marriage, and Russians hacking Hillary's emails, and by Trump himself, a useful idiot distracting the media and the masses with his rants about trade - 'You foreigners will pay now that I'm America's dealmaker' (they won't; he's not) - and his wall.

Even if special prosecutor Robert Mueller assembles enough charges to dump Trump, the 'resistance' still has to get Americans to register and vote to end Republican rule.

Bob Borosage, who has been fighting for The People since I first met him in the 70s, names a handful of Democrats who are on the ball: Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Sherrod Brown, Jeff Merkley, Keith Ellison, and Pramila Jayapal, and movement groups Our Revolu-

tion, People's Action, Black Lives Matter, Indivisible, MoveOn, plus a 'tide of energised women voters' - all of whom might help the Dems win one or both houses of Congress next November.

But both the Clinton Dems and indefatigable lefties like Borosage are unable to see what the problem is, so they can't find a solution, let alone a mission.

I suggest that no country, not the USA nor Australia, nor any other nation, should be run by a bunch of businessmen, and yet they

are - we are. Yes, most elite politicians and government managers have law degrees but their habitat is the skyscrapers and white papers of big business. They need to be replaced by nurses, teachers, tradies, geeks, shopkeepers and shoplifters. There's a mission for us all - how do we make it happen?

*Disclosure statement: Phillip Frazer was a consultant on Ralph Nader's Green Party presidential campaign in 2000 so his political judgments should be seen in that light. Read more of them at coorabellridge.com

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Who are the world's best collaborative problem solvers?

Global problem solvers are in high demand and a new study by the OECD showed that 15-year-old girls outperformed boys in collaborative problem solving in every country around the world.

'Girls show more positive attitudes towards relationships, meaning that they tend to be more interested in others' opinions and want others to succeed,' said Andreas Schleicher, director of the Directorate of Education and Skills at the OECD.

Schleicher also notes that 'strong academic skills will not automatically lead to strong social skills. Part of the answer lies in giving students more ownership over the time, place, path, pace, and interactions of their learning. An-



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other part of the answer can lie in fostering more positive relationships at school and designing learning environments that benefit students' collaborative problem-solving skills and their attitudes towards collaboration.'

The first ever assessment of collaborative problem-solving skills aims to help countries and economies see where

their students stand in relation to their peers in other education systems. Students in 52 countries completed this test in addition to the main OECD PISA 2015 Survey on Science, Mathematics and Reading.

'In a world that places a growing premium on social skills, education systems need to do much better at fostering those skills systematically

across the school curriculum,' said OECD secretary-general Angel Gurría.

Students who access the internet or social networks outside of school score slightly higher than other students while students who play video games outside of school score slightly lower in collaborative problem-solving than students who do not play video games.

Fostering positive relationships at school can benefit students' collaborative problem solving skills, especially when involving students directly. Schools could organise more social activities to encourage this, as well as provide teacher training on classroom management and tackle bullying, the report concluded.

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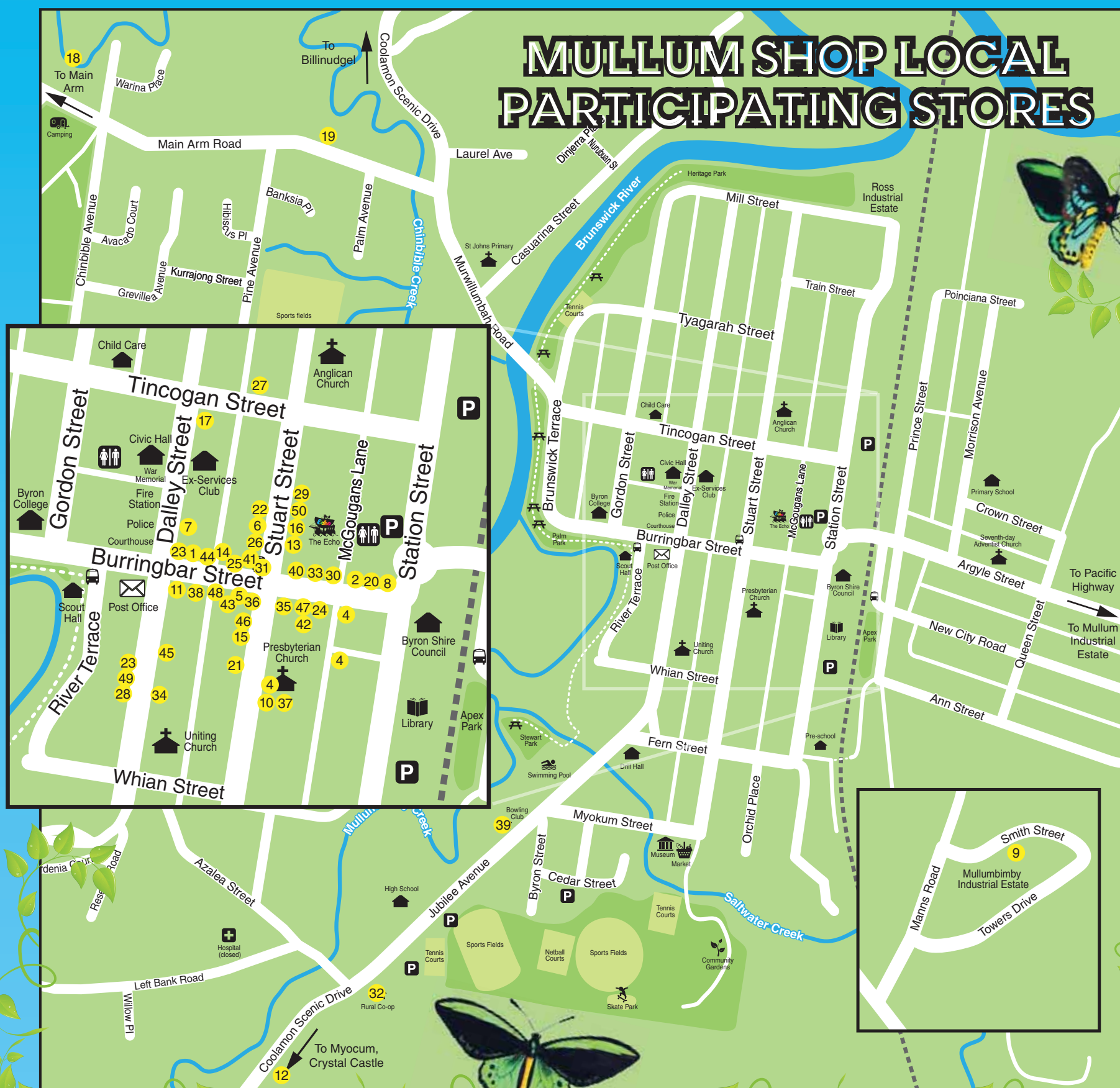
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Local cheeses, fresh dips, olives and nuts make great Christmas nibbles and there are plenty of fresh and delicious locally grown seasonal fruit and veges available now.

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Santa is dropping in on Tuesday 19 December (New Brighton) and Friday 22 December (Mullumbimby), so bring the kids and make a morning of it.

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Come in and visit the Polli girls: Sharon, Tanya and Rose Poles – they offer exceptional service and friendly advice. They love helping their customers find the perfect outfit or that special gift – especially at Christmas!

The store has a wonderful Wish List – a gift register of sorts that allows your loved ones to find you the perfect Christmas gift – and you still get a surprise.

Gift vouchers are also available for those who can be tricky to buy for. They've got it all covered at Little Polli & the Blackbird.

Little Polli is spreading some Christmas cheer!!! For the 25 days of Christmas she is giving away a \$25 gift voucher daily and 4 x \$100 gift vouchers on Christmas Eve. It's easy to enter; just spend \$25 or more in either Little Polli and the Blackbird or Wild at Heart.

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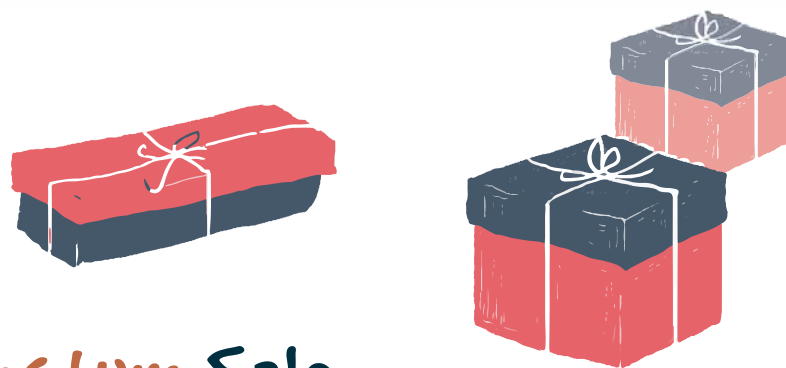
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Books: the perfect gift for your friends and loved ones this Christmas.

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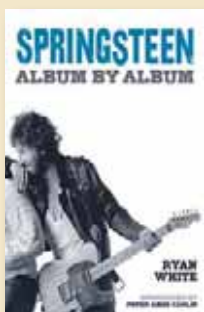
Book your staff Christmas party at The Clay Barn, come and make your own ceramic cups for the office! Groups minimum six and maximum 12, cost \$100 per head includes clay and firings. Call to book.

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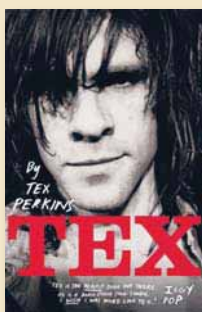
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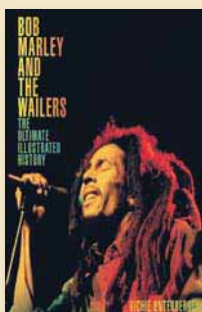
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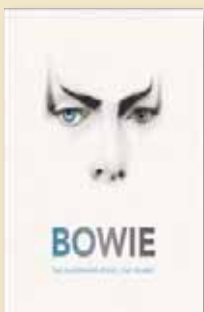


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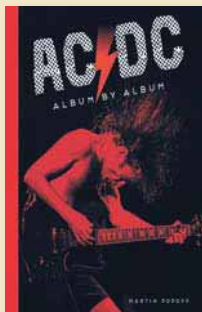
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70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby | 6684 2137

Byron Bay Services club

This coming Saturday 16 December is one of the Byron RSL's biggest nights of the year! Turn up and you'll have a huge chance to win a premium half-ham for the festive season. It's a monster Christmas raffle with 100 quality half-hams up for grabs and, as a bonus, the Club is offering a full-leg ham for the first number out and same for the last number called out on the night. That's enough ham to feed the whole street let alone the family. We start selling tickets from 5pm and the big draw starts at 6.30pm – if you want a seat be early as this promotion draws a huge crowd. Our dining room opens early at 5.30pm if you want to beat the queue! This is a good night out and a chance to win a quality half-ham, so good luck.

www.byronbayservicesclub.com.au

An advertisement for Byron Bay Pork & Meats Butchery. At the top is a logo with a blue semi-circle containing yellow silhouettes of a sheep, a pig, and a chicken, with the text 'BYRON BAY PORK & MEATS' above and 'BUTCHERY' below. Below the logo is a blue banner with white text that reads 'Order your AWARD-WINNING MEAT for Christmas~ Lismore Show Champions!'. Underneath the banner is a photo of two men, an older man on the left and a younger man on the right, standing in front of a display of various meat products. At the bottom, it says 'Open Monday to Saturday' followed by a small floral icon, then '70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby' and 'Phone 6684 2137'.

An advertisement for the Byron Bay Services Club Christmas Hams raffle. The background is teal. At the top, it says 'Saturday 16th December'. Below that is a large white banner with the number '100' in teal, followed by 'CHRISTMAS HAMS' in large white letters, and 'to be won' in smaller white letters. Below this, it says 'Tickets on sale 5 - 6.30pm only' and 'Draw starts at 6.30pm'. To the left of the bottom section is a pink pig illustration. To the right is a white snowflake icon. Below the pig, it says 'Bistro Open from 5.30pm'. At the bottom, there are icons for TAB, Facebook, and WiFi. To the right of these icons, it says 'Courtesy bus available phone 6685 5008 to book'. The bottom of the ad has a dark blue banner with the Byron Bay Services Club logo (a sun icon) and the text 'BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB'. To the right of this, it says 'SOUTH END JONSON ST', 'BYRONBAYSERVICESCLUB.COM.AU', and '6685 6878 info@byronbayservicesclub.com.au'.

Byron Designworks

With the Christmas season kicking off it is time for decorating and gift giving and Byron Designworks can help you with both.

Christmas trees and decorations are instore now, traditional, whimsical, twinkly and sparkly. There is something to appeal to most tastes and situations. This year LED lighting plays a large part in what is on offer and the lights are often battery operated to make them usable in different settings.

There are many gift items available: candles, display pieces, bags, ornaments, mugs, etc. Starting as low as \$5, Byron Designworks is a great place to get Secret Santa or teacher presents.

Of course, Christmas is not only a time for giving but also when we open our homes to family and friends. If yours needs a freshen up or some extra furniture there is plenty to choose from at Byron Designworks where new-season stock is arriving regularly.

www.byrondesignworks.com.au | 6685 5714

3 Ti Tree Place, Arts and Industry Estate.

Noel Hart's Studio / Gallery

Located in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate, the gallery will be open this week from Wednesday till Saturday. This gives locals and visitors an opportunity to come in and say hello before Christmas and to see the new artwork.

With a strong international following, the year has seen Noel Hart's glass sculptures exhibited in Vienna, Toronto, and in the USA in Denver, Chicago, and San Francisco, as well as here in Australia.

The ideas for his work are drawn from an interest in biodiversity and extinction, with the intensely coloured abstract glassworks referencing endangered and extinct parrot species from across the world.

Along with minimalist forms, Noel and his team of glassblowers have also been creating unique organic sculptures. All of the work on show was created in a private glass facility on the Sunshine Coast and finished in Mullumbimby.

Call 0411 274 323 to check opening times.

8 Smith St, Mullumbimby Ind Est.

NOEL HART



NOEL HART STUDIO / GALLERY

Gallery Hours: 10am – 2pm
Wed December 13 – Sat December 16
(or by appointment)

1/8 Smith Street, Mullumbimby Ind.Est.
0417 042 951 / 6684 0005 | www.noelhart.com
15 mins from Byron Bay and 7 mins from Brunswick Heads



BYRONDESIGNWORKS

Christmas gifts and decorations at BDW



a: 3 Ti-Tree Place, Arts & Industry Estate
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Brunswick Bush School

Looking for some wholesome fun for the kids these summer holidays? Want to get the kids out of the house and off the screens?

Brunswick Bush School is offering a fantastic range of daily outdoor activities for adventure-seeking kids these holidays. We spend the whole day outdoors making fun creative stuff, playing interactive games and connecting with nature.

We'll be making pirate rafts, dream catchers, having water fights with the water blasters that we make, whittling, canoeing and much, much more!

Not sure what to get that special young person in your life? Don't wish to buy them more stuff? A gift voucher from Brunswick Bush School is a unique gift that will give them an awesome fun time and memories that will last forever.

Check out our website here: <http://brunsbushschool.com.au/index.php/holiday-program> for bookings and information or contact Rohan on 0407 898 374.

Meant to Bead

Meant to Bead in Byron is a great way to make your personalised Christmas gifts in our 3hr Hot Glass Workshop. This is a rare opportunity to learn the art of glass bead making in a relaxed and safe environment in this unique glass gallery.

You can incorporate your beads into a bracelets, earrings or necklaces to make a personal and beautiful gift for some one special or just treat yourself.

Our Hot Glass workshop promises a one-of-a-kind creation and a quality glass bead experience.

- Day and Night Classes 3 hrs \$95.00
- Family discount applies
- Private Group Bookings 5-11 People
- Christmas Gift Voucher Available

Classes /Bookings can be viewed on our Pay Pal friendly website
www.meanttobead.com.au | info@meanttobead.com.au.
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6-12

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Meant to Bead

Hot Glass Workshop



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Gift Vouchers Available

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Rain / Hail / Shine

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info@meanttobead.com.au



**CHRISTMAS
GIFT
WORKSHOP**



Juliet's Beauty

At Juliet's Beauty our first and main concern is to nurture and pamper our clients while offering a professional treatment. Juliet is a highly experienced beautician and her salon is lovely with loads of natural light and space. Situated two minutes' drive from Mullum in a gorgeous old Queenslander.

Gift vouchers are available; surprise your loved one with a treatment for Christmas. (gift vouchers in bold please)

Summer Specials 1hr exotic fresh papaya and coconut facial, nutmeg and cinnamon facial or aloe vera facials \$60.

One-hour all-natural facials \$50 all include foot shoulders and arm massage.

Brazilian \$40, full leg and bikini \$40, body scrub \$50.

One-hour magnesium tired muscle massage \$60.

One-hour oil massage \$50.

Eyebrow tinting \$10. eyelashes \$15.

Visit us on Facebook at Juliet's Beauty or call 0434 141 572.

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All waxing needs provided

GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE!

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43 Morrison Ave, Mullumbimby



Rock of Ages

The northern rivers' most renowned tattoo studio, Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour, has been in operation since 2009. It has earned the reputation of providing the highest-quality work in a professional, relaxed environment.

Rock of Ages has six house artists proficient in all styles of custom tattooing including Japanese, realism, black and grey, fine art, and traditional artwork. Walk-in appointments are always available.

Gift vouchers are available for the perfect Christmas present that is sure to please.

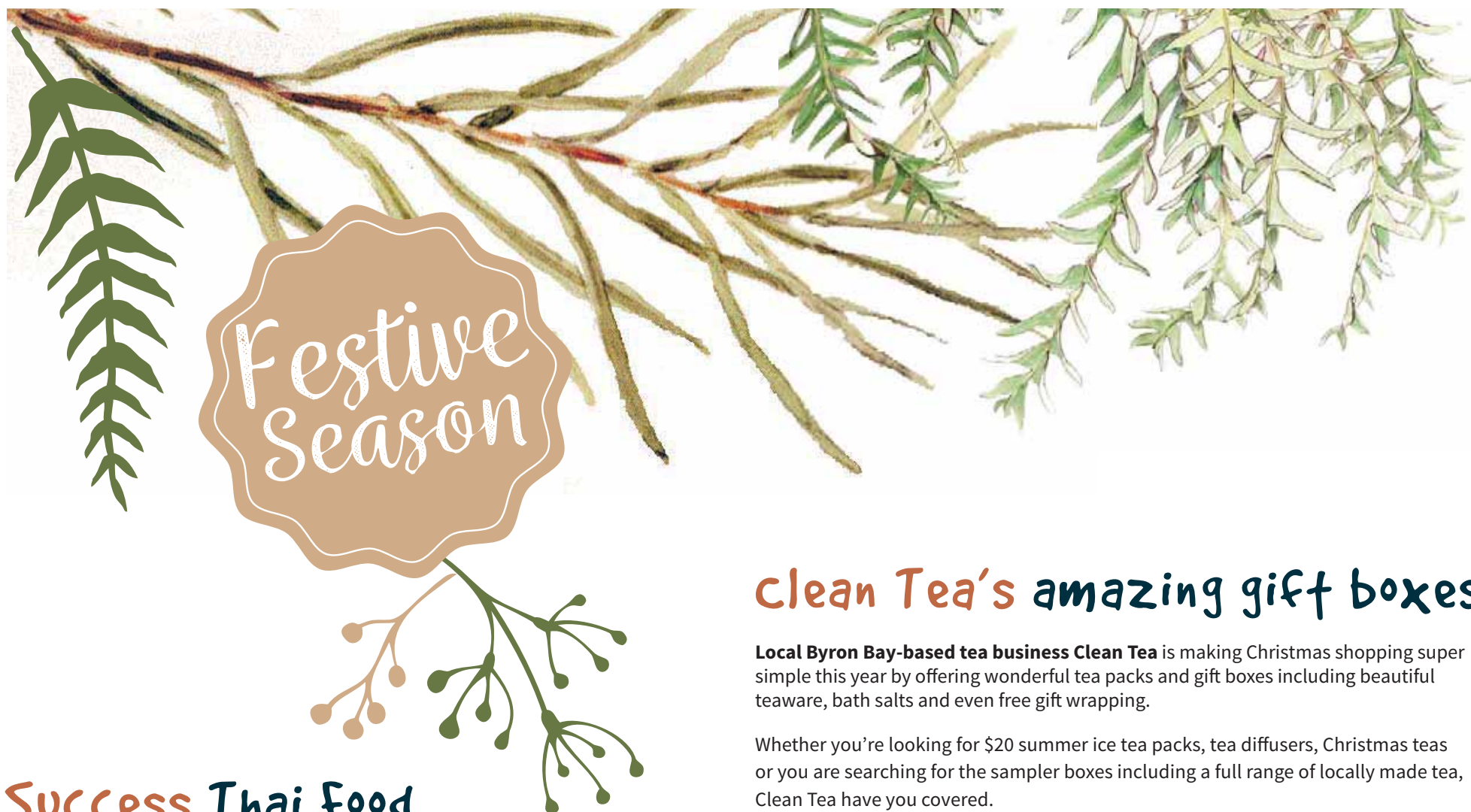
Rock of Ages would like to extend their thanks to all of their valued clients for their continued support in 2017.

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Success Thai Food

Success Thai Food has been providing excellent Thai cuisine since 2010. With friendly staff and fantastic service, Success Thai Food delivers delicious and affordable lunch five days per week and dinner seven days per week. Kan's knowledge and experience stems from his mother, Pramuk, who has provided Kan with all her fabulous recipes. Come and discover for yourself!

Open for lunch on Christmas Day!

Open for lunch Monday-Friday 12-3pm

Dinner seven days - 5-8.30pm

Success Thai Food - 6680 7798

3/109 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Clean Tea's amazing gift boxes

Local Byron Bay-based tea business Clean Tea is making Christmas shopping super simple this year by offering wonderful tea packs and gift boxes including beautiful teaware, bath salts and even free gift wrapping.

Whether you're looking for \$20 summer ice tea packs, tea diffusers, Christmas teas or you are searching for the sampler boxes including a full range of locally made tea, Clean Tea have you covered.

With easy online ordering across Australia and free Christmas gift wrapping, you can go online and get your Christmas shopping organised in a few clicks.

Established by Pottsville local Jordana Edwards in 2013, Clean Tea is gaining a massive following across Australia and abroad owing to the teas being free of chemicals, artificial colours and flavours – just organic, natural herbs and fruits in delicious beneficial flavours.

The new Byron Bay store is now officially opened to the public and trades Monday to Saturday 10am-3pm.

Visit Shop 8/4 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay, to check out the range or view online www.cleantea.com.au.



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Boutique hand blended teas and smoothie powders, tea bath salts and candles.
Designer tea ware and even cheeky chocolate teas.
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www.cleantea.com.au
Open 6 days



Chocolate Hampers, what a heavenly experience

Santa's reindeer have arrived at Love Byron Bay to share the love for the legendary 'food of the gods' this Christmas.

Dedicated to firing the imagination with unique chocolate encounters, Love Byron Bay Christmas hampers cater for everyone. The choice is both broad and imaginative with flavours that match every taste preference, artistic whim and dietary requirement. Select from a wide range of chocolate including:

- Vegan
- Traditional
- Single Origin
- Christmas Themed
- Raw
- Assorted
- Organic
- Local, national and international.

Specify your taste, budget and dietary preference and you'll have a gift of exceptional chocolate that will delight everyone.

Chocolate hampers made to order. Visit or phone Love Byron Bay Creperie and Chocolate Boutique located at 2 Lawson St (next to Spar supermarket) to gather up your heavenly chocolate experience and gift vouchers in time for Christmas celebrations.

Opening 7 days 10am-10pm, 2 Lawson St, Byron Bay (Next to Spar supermarket)
Phone: 6685 7974 | E: info@love-byronbay.com | www.love-byronbay.com

Give the gift of learning with Byron Community College

Does choosing Christmas gifts that tick all the boxes take the joy out of giving? Struggling to find gifts that are meaningful, waste free and support the local community? Why not get your family and friends an experience they will always remember by gifting them a course or voucher at Byron Community College. Our courses are a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill, connect with people and open doors to new possibilities. With hundreds of courses on offer each year, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We have gift vouchers available for any amount that can be purchased online or through our office.

From all of us at Byron Community College, we wish you all a very happy and safe festive season full of love, laughter and fun.

For more information head to byroncollege.org.au or call 6684 3374 (office closed 22 December - 3 January).



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PNC Photography

'Capturing the edgy, the quirky, the alternative realities of anything one can imagine are the passions of this photographer. His ability to create and develop a character from anyone he meets is legendary. The lucky ones might even get to have their new 'character' photographed by him and recorded for posterity.'

Foremost a storyteller and a traveller of the world, from the boondocks of Sydney to residence in Fez, the royal capital of Morocco, PC's passion for recording the extraordinary from the ordinary has propelled him to this area and the desire to portray its characters, capturing a lifetime's worth of stories in the click of a shutter. This is his new Photographic Project – 'The Faces of Byron'.

While he is in the Byron area, the doors of his studio in the industrial estate will be open to any and all courageous locals. Come in and have some fun!

Phone: 0402 249 314

insta: @twelveshotsphotography

email: pc@pncphoto.com.au

celebrate Christmas Your way

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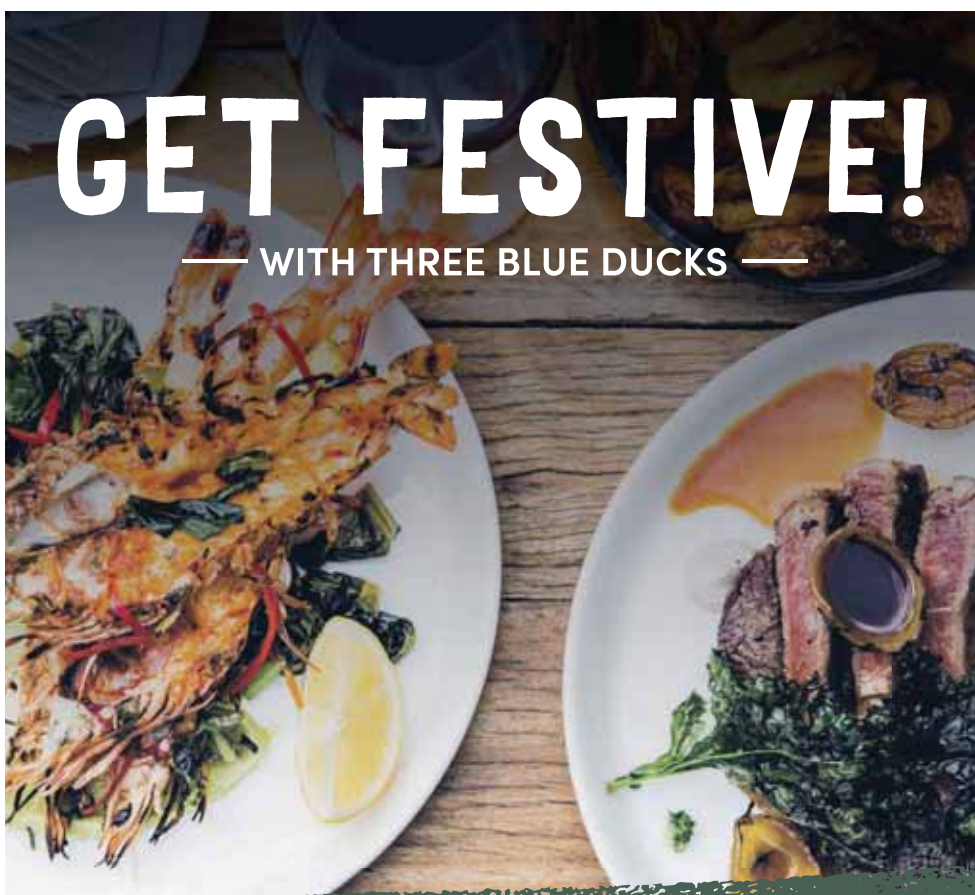
Each one of us is unique, so what does your face say about where you live?

If you're inquisitive about being photographed for
"The Faces of Byron" project,
call us and speak to Dee on 0402 249 314

Peter Neville Conroy PHOTOGRAPHY - pc@pncphoto.com.au - 0402 249 314

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Getting Festive at the Italian

Why not celebrate Christmas Day at The Italian Byron Bay?

We have created an incredible 4-course festive menu to enjoy in our beautiful dining space. Why not complement your meal with a signature cocktail or glass of champagne from the bar – or our experienced staff can guide you through the extensive menu of wine and spirits.

Whether an intimate table for two, or a larger group of family and friends, we would love you to join us in the restaurant or in the courtyard.

Only two sittings are available so booking is essential.

Contact us for more details or visit our website to view the menu.

2 Bay Street – next to Beach Hotel
www.theitalianbyronbay.com | 6680 7055

Byron's local bottleshop

Down at the Sun Bistro Bottleshop we are here for the locals. The products we sell are a mix of those that our customers know they want and a bunch of interesting stuff that you have probably never seen before. Julz, the manager at the Sun Bistro Bottleshop says 'I take pride in stocking interesting stuff that I source from all around Australia and the world. If there is something we don't stock and you want it we will try to find it. We have 35 different tequilas and artisan mezcals from Mexico, gins from all around Australia and Byron's biggest and best collection of natural and minimal intervention wines. We employ locals who want to say hi and have a chat and if they don't want to be here they don't work here. We are here for you.'

Come say hi at Byron's local bottleshop.
61 Bayshore Drive Byron Bay 6685 5800



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'I laughed so hard my eyeballs popped out of my head.' – Anon

Please consult your doctor before seeing this show. Not recommended for people under the age of 18 or over the age of 18, or people with lawyers. NO REFUNDS.

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is the region's only grassroots fully dedicated musical instrument shop. The recent event of the Mullum Music Festival marked our fourth birthday as a retail store and our sincere thanks must go out to all of our customers who have supported us and enabled us to flourish. We've come a long way since 2013 when all we had to offer was some African drums, a handful of ukuleles and a small range of percussion instruments. Now, not only do we have all the usual array of acoustic and electronic gear, we've also secured our reputation as Australia's most eclectic musical instrument shop known for our unique selection of both local-made and quality pieces of instrumentation from around the world. It's constantly evolving, getting better and better. Come and see us soon and let us share the joy of music with you this Xmas!

Shop 1/31 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby

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Soulife

Soulife is Byron's complete store for that esoteric gift that really speaks 'Byron'.

If you haven't yet discovered this eclectic jewel on Jonson St, get down to the Woolies Plaza and be amazed. Owner Clinton Hart has been curating a sophisticated range of esoteric books at Soulife for the last 25 years and believes it to be now one of the best collections in Australia, including rare and out-of-print titles.

Go there for Byron's biggest range of crystals, now with more than 500 varieties, and at prices that won't cost you a king's ransom!

Another distinction of Soulife is the fine jewellery, in more than 100 different gemstones. The choicest pieces are set in a super-grade London Silver(958), a cut above regular Sterling Silver and lower-market grades.

Gifts for all abound with Himalayan salt lamps, singing bowls, smudge sticks, essential oils, candles, incense, art cards, music CDs and 2017 calendars and diaries hard to find elsewhere.

Find Soulife open late (past 8pm) every day in the Woolies Plaza, 90 Jonson St. Call 6680 8090.

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With every bar purchase from Saturday 26th December to Midnight 31 December 2017 receive a FREE ticket to WIN A CASH PRIZE on New Years Eve each hour.
NSW Permit Number: LTPM1/12/01261

7pm \$50	8pm \$50	9pm \$100
10pm \$100	11pm \$200	12:15am \$1000

New Years Eve Raffle
MYSTERY MONEY TREE
26 envelopes on the tree WIN Eftpos cards
\$500 x 1 | \$100 x 5 | \$50 x 20
On sale from 6pm; drawn at 7.30pm

\$2000 CASH TO BE WON

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All Souls' Anglican Church Bangalow

Our secular calendar marks the days one season ends and another begins. Yet in our daily life, that line is not so sharply defined. We naturally experience the change in the seasons gradually. For Christians, the growing anticipation of Advent, which began 3 December, and the delight of Christmas harmonise together during these transitional days. Does this mean we shouldn't worry that Christmas began in November on our commercial calendars? Of course not. We should continue to celebrate each season fully with their unique characteristics at their proper times. Yet we should also take care to not be so rigid when we hear a stray Christmas carol in Advent already giving thanks for the birth of Jesus or see Christmas trees all around us that we fail to embody in our words and actions the promised joy of this season in the birth of Jesus.

1 Ashton Street, Bangalow 6687 1046

Etre Pop-up Boutique

has come south for the summer with a brand-new pop-up boutique right next door to Sole Bros in Byron Bay Arts and Industry Estate. Treat yourself head-to-toe with the styles and labels that have made our Gold Coast and Brisbane stores unique – labels you won't find anywhere else in town: Ruby Yaya, Orientique, Valia, Kalypso, plus Zyga's beautiful cottons and linens from France and Greece. What's more, we're located within the studios of the ever-glamorous Vu Cosmetics, so there's no need to spend your precious holiday hours going from one side of town to the other in search of the complete look. We've got everything from fashion to cosmetics (Christmas make-over, anyone?) to the all-important footwear. All in one location. (Oh, and there's free parking too!) So let us give you a real beauty experience, one that will have you feeling and looking your best, and give you more time to spend with your loved ones this Christmas.

Find us at 1/20 Brigantine St, Byron Bay.

Christmas Services 2017

Sunday 17 December

7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 20 December

3.30pm Kids Prepare for Christmas

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

7pm St Aidan's Eureka

9pm All Souls' Bangalow

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

9am All Souls' Bangalow

*Celebrate with us the birth of Jesus
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The Anglican Parish of Bangalow,

1 Ashton Street, Bangalow

(02) 6687 1046

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www.etre.com.au

1/20 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481



Pegasus Park

Time to giddy up! Join the experienced team at Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre for a ride along isolated Seven Mile Beach. Live the dream in this breathtaking and pristine setting, riding a beautiful horse while watching eagles soar and dolphins play. Or you might choose a trail ride along Byron Creek where platypus live, then up onto a hill with wonderful views. Or why not both? They can offer you a great package deal. Gift vouchers are also available. What a wonderful experience to give as a Christmas gift. Pegasus Park offers private or group beach ride / trail ride lessons and more. Why not stay – 1-bedroom self-contained cabin also available? (Children from 2yrs up catered for by appointment only.)

Go to www.pegasuspark.com.au or call 6687 1446 for more info and booking.

Byron Bay Beach Life

Byron Bay Beach Life Shades are the ultimate in chic and functional sun protection.

Perfect for the beach, camping and backyard fun, they are made from high-quality fabric and materials providing great shade and the highest rated UV protection for the whole family.

Unlike the standard Beach Brollie the Beach Shade is secure in high winds, fastened down with sand pegs. The structure will not block your view or breeze, helping to keep things cool when hitting the beach this summer.

Easily assembled by one person in minutes with five great designs to choose from. Treat someone you love this Christmas with a Byron Bay Beach Life Shade.

If you live or are staying in the Byron Shire on holidays shop online to receive FREE shipping and we will deliver to your door within 48 hours or drop by the retail store at 13 Banksia Drive (Byron industrial estate). | www.byronbaybeachlife.com.au



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Or visit our retail store at 13 Banksia Drive (Byron Industrial Estate)



Skin Divinity cosmetic clinic

Skin Divinity is the place of choice for celebrities and bloggers travelling far and wide to experience our services and expertise. We pride ourselves on being the leading beauty and cosmetic clinic offering a wide range of results-based treatments and skincare. The Skin Divinity therapists are also brow and lash enthusiasts and we enjoy delivering a service that caters for everyone. Skin Divinity Cosmetic Clinic is a specialist skin, beauty and laser clinic, providing non-surgical cosmetic medical and beauty treatments using state-of-the-art medical-grade equipment, the world's latest technology and active skin care. Some of our specialty treatments include:

- Skin Peels
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- Dermapen3md
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- Vitamin Facials
- Eyebrow Makeovers
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Skin Divinity Cosmetic Clinic 6685 7021

www.skindivinity.com.au | info@skindivinity.com.au

Mokea Designs Pop-Up Shop

Long-term local women's lifestyle clothing label Mokea Designs returns to Mullumbimby for a one-week Pop-Up Shop in the front room of the Mullumbimby Civic Hall for this week before Christmas, 18–23 December.

Mokea Designs' styling is inspired by a fusion of coastal, classic, asiatic and bohemian. The designs are all made in natural fibres perfect for our north coast lifestyle. Dress up, dress down... easy-wear clothing for women.

Along with a new range of Mokea styles, the pop-up shop will have a lot of the Mokea basics of linen pants, linen vests, tops and dresses – classic styles that are repeated year after year because they are so classic and timeless in design. And to keep things fun, we love having a space dedicated to sale racks and 40 per cent off stock racks.

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Welcome to Humpy Co

Local resident Travis Lowe and his father Brian have designed a modern take on the humpy (the traditional bark structure used for shelter in the great outdoors). They noticed a gap in the market when it came to structures that were more permanent than a tent and more flexible than onsite caravans and so Humpy Co was born.

Brian is a registered builder with more than 40 years' experience who has run an award-winning architecture business for the last 35 years and his son Travis is a qualified carpenter with a Cert IV in building and more than 15 years of carpentry experience.

Perfect for a home office or a teenager's retreat these convenient and clever structures come as a DIY flat-pack and can be assembled by 3-4 people in 3-4 hours. These modular buildings can be cleverly combined to make larger accommodation if needed.

Luke Watson sales and marketing manager for Humpy Co says, 'What's also great about a Humpy Co is that if you sell your property



you can disassemble the structure and take your humpy with you.'

The humpy modules come in two main sizes, H24 (6.18m²) and H48 (12.36m²). They can be upgraded to include a verandah, extra windows and doors

Prices for the H24 Humpy start at \$13,600. You can find out more at www.humpyco.com.

Humpy Co has a display village at Bugam Place in the Bangalow Industrial Estate. It is open Tuesday-Saturday 9am-12pm or by appointment

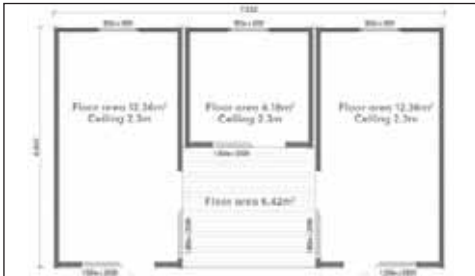
Byron 'Butter Factory' apartment sells for record price

You will remember a couple of weeks ago Property Insider introduced you to Lorna Bailey, the newest face at Bangalow Real Estate. Lorna is swiftly making her mark. She listed an apartment in the Butter Factory and on its first day on the market had negotiated a sale at the asking price within hours, setting a record for the complex. There were three very keen buyers; the successful buyer from Sydney had been monitoring the market for several months and secured the purchase. The other interest came from a Byron buyer and a Gold Coast buyer.

This is the second time Lorna has sold a property the first day on the market in Byron Bay since joining Mary O'Connor at Bangalow Real Estate several weeks ago.

When asked about the sale Lorna

said, 'I am amazed at the strong interest for good Byron properties and how quickly a great result can be achieved in the current market. If anyone is thinking of selling now is the time and I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with them about a my approach to selling to get the highest possible price.'



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Multiple outdoor baths & showers, a heated plunge pool with spa jets, an oversized tipi plus an energy spiral, a large man shed, herb & veggie gardens, an observation deck into the nature plus extensive outdoor living attached to both homes.

In an equally private location before arriving at the homes is a modern, impressive home office or Yoga/Meditation bungalow. Hike down to Wilsons River for a splash in the river and picnic or BBQ on the waters edge on your own private dream campsite with no one within sight.

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This spacious manufactured and immaculately presented home is located just a short stroll to the lakeside club house, bowling green and swimming pool.

With its expansive paved and covered outside entertaining area, this home would ideally suit those who enjoy an outside lifestyle and like to entertain at home.

This home features a full width enclosed entrance porch with a bull-nose roof, spacious tiled open plan living areas with ceiling fans, and reverse cycle air-conditioning.

Two good-sized, carpeted bedrooms with ceiling fans and built-in robes. Master bedroom has its own split-system air-conditioner, plus a study-nook/office. Second bedroom has a verandah door opening to the paved patio.

Tiled bathroom includes a large stylish shower cabinet, a separate toilet and a separate area with vanity unit.

A double garage with remote operated roller door adjoins the home.

This energy efficient home has both a solar hot water service and solar panels with an inverter, plus roof insulation.

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Premier Beachside Retreat

12 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach
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Without a doubt, "Starfish" is one of the premier homes in the much sought-after enclave of South Golden Beach delivering a serene escape from our busy world, perfectly positioned only 75 metres from sand and surf.

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On the lower floor, you'll find a large tiled rumpus room with adjacent bathroom, ideal for teenagers, in-laws or student accommodation.

With such a fabulous lifestyle on offer, this property is bound to be snapped up by a savvy buyer. Be among the first to see this captivating home, before it's sold.

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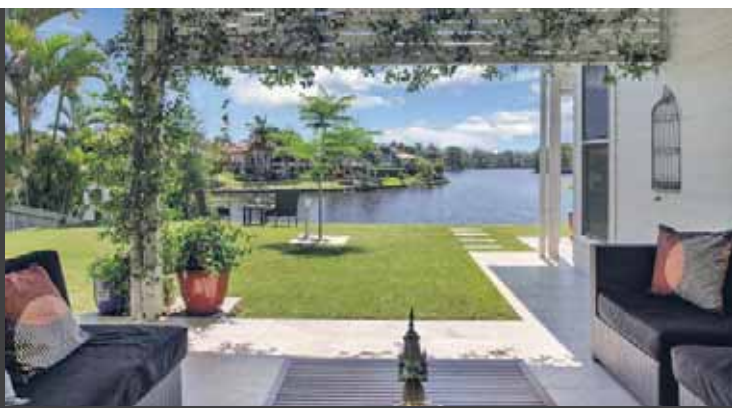
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**153 Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores
Byron Coast Contemporary Waterfront Home**

This fabulous waterfront Anstey Home, offers an enviable coastal lifestyle for one lucky family. Just four years young, the architecturally outstanding property boasts a beautiful location, desirable North-East aspect and sensational water views.
Your open plan living and dining areas flow out onto the covered patios to provide effortless alfresco entertaining overlooking the water. The adjacent gourmet kitchen features Caesarstone benchtops, quality stainless steel appliances and walk-in pantry.
Designed with peaceful family living in mind, the home's floorplan offers the opportunity to segment the front area of the home, comprising a bedroom, media room and bathroom, as a separate guest wing.

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- Elevated ceilings to enhance natural light and bring in the fresh breezes
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- 869 square metre block with double gated side access

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This delightful showcase home has 4 bedrooms with large built-in robes & ceiling fans, gorgeous air-conditioned master with fully-fitted robe, water views, patio access, plus superb ensuite with quality stone vanity tops and a bath with a view! Set on an 869 square metre block with double gated side access ideal for the trailer/caravan or boat

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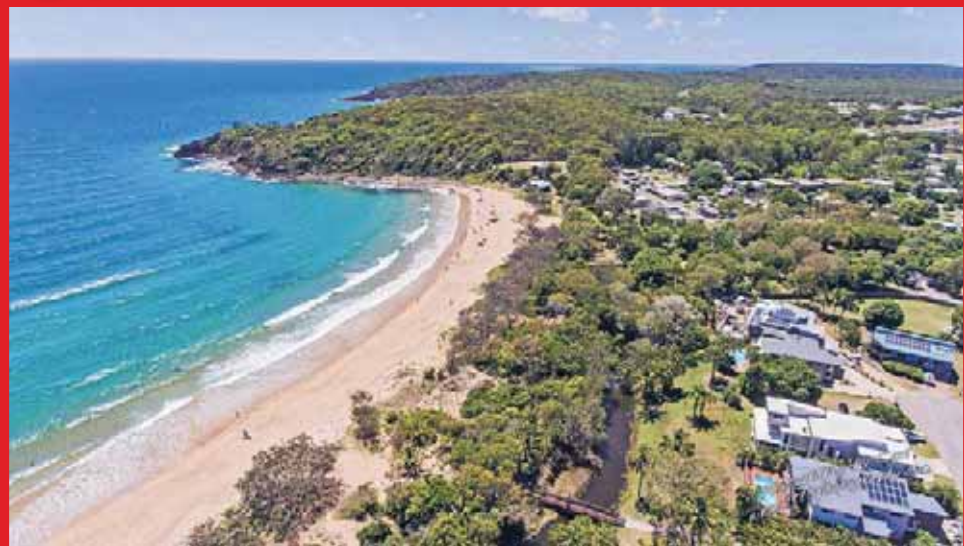
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It's not every day you win a silver medal at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show, but to win one in your first year of production is an amazing feat.

The Bay Smokehouse's Smoked Fish Rillettes was the product that turned the judges' tastebuds; they declared them 'Innovative with an excellent flavour'.

Made with local and wild-caught smoked fish, blended with organic raw cashew cream and topped with Grumpy Grandma's extra virgin olive oil, the fish dish is inspired by the French-style paté, but with a Byron Bay twist.

Head smoker Damien Curtis says he sources all of his fish from local north coast fishermen between the Tweed and the Clarence, focusing on the oily species that are full of Omega 3 and great for smoking. 'I traditionally smoke the fillets over a mixture of native hardwoods and nutwoods sourced from local woodworkers, in old-fashioned smokers shipped over from England.'

Damien, who currently only sells at farmers markets, says he launched The Bay Smokehouse at the beginning of the year, focusing on bringing wild-caught smoked fish to the Shire. 'I'm

trying to get people away from the farmed smoked salmon from Tasmania that is becoming increasingly unsustainable and full of antibiotics and orange colouring.

Damien grew up in Paris; he says he was surrounded by delicious food and ate at many French restaurants. 'I spent a lot of time in England in my youth, eating smoked mackerel and kippers for breakfast. I've always been passionate about food and cooking, but was always just a home chef. 'This business has given me the opportunity to experiment and share some delicious oceanic creations.'



The Bay Smokehouse stall at the New Brighton Farmers Market is run by Jeddah with a little help from dad Damien.



Mitchell, Amanda and Paul – photo by Vivienne Pearson

Butcher Baker Beer

By Vivienne Pearson

The name might be Butcher Baker but it's a third 'B' – beer – where the dream started for the couple who returned to the region of their childhood to open a business.

'It's what we were doing with our social life,' says Paul Coughran, speaking about his and wife Amanda's interest in craft beers and boutique breweries.

Paul and Amanda attended Mullumbimby High (four years apart) before meeting properly while working in London. 'We weren't quite done with city life,' says Amanda about their choice to live in Melbourne on returning to Australia. They started bakery cafes, including railway station outlets. After having their first child, they increasingly missed their big families and hatched a plan to move back to the Byron region.

When they found that the place that is now Butcher Baker was available, the plan was sped up. 'At that time, it was Helix but everyone still tends to refer to it as the Old Utopia,' says Amanda.

They tweaked the space, which is gorgeously roomy and includes an elevated lush green view from the back. 'We overhauled the bar, allowing for draught beer and cider,' says Paul. 'Hendrix & Harlow created new furniture, upping the seating to 70 people.'

Butcher Baker is a cafe/restaurant/bar that is also available for private functions. Though it is not a bakery, bread is a strong presence on the menu, made by Paul onsite. Though it is not a butchery, meat features strongly in the menu



including inhouse smoked pastrami and lamb. This aspect of the business is both homage to Paul's butcher/dad as well as Paul's subsequent love of meat.

Vegetarians are not forgotten, with options in each of the menu sections and flavoursome vegetarian/vegan sides on offer. I tried the Sweet Potato Latke side, a delicious cross between a hash brown and a rosti, served with sour cream and applesauce.

Butcher Baker is open evenings on Fridays and Saturdays, including a happy hour-and-a-half over 5–6.30pm offering \$5 schooners. Takeaway is an option for the whole menu and functions bookings are welcome.

There is a strong local team of chefs, with Rob Theaker being lured back from the US to head up the kitchen team, and Mitchell Peters, who completed his apprenticeship at Harvest. Rob's signature Cauliflower Bites (with black tahini and dukkha crust served with sunflower pesto), and Mitchell's signature Beef Ribs (Thai style) proving extremely popular.

Unsurprisingly, the drinks menu is nearly as long as the food one. Beers include Stone & Wood, the Burleigh-based Black Hops, and Currumbin's Balter. A small but carefully selected wine list, a full bar, and organic sparkling sodas are alternative options.

So, when you think of Butcher Baker, add Beer into the name to give you a sense of what to check out. I've also got a nursery rhyme on the tip of my tongue – I wonder if there are any plans to start selling candlesticks too?

Butcher Baker: 13 Byron Street, Bangalow. 7 days 7am–4pm then staying open until late Fridays and Saturdays. Ph: 6687 2088, FB/Insta @butcherbakerbangalow

BB Bacon Cheese Burger – pictured left.

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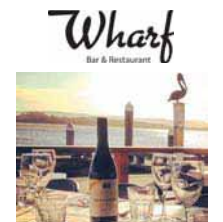


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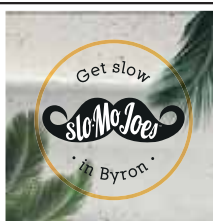
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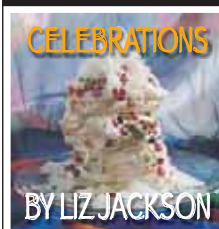
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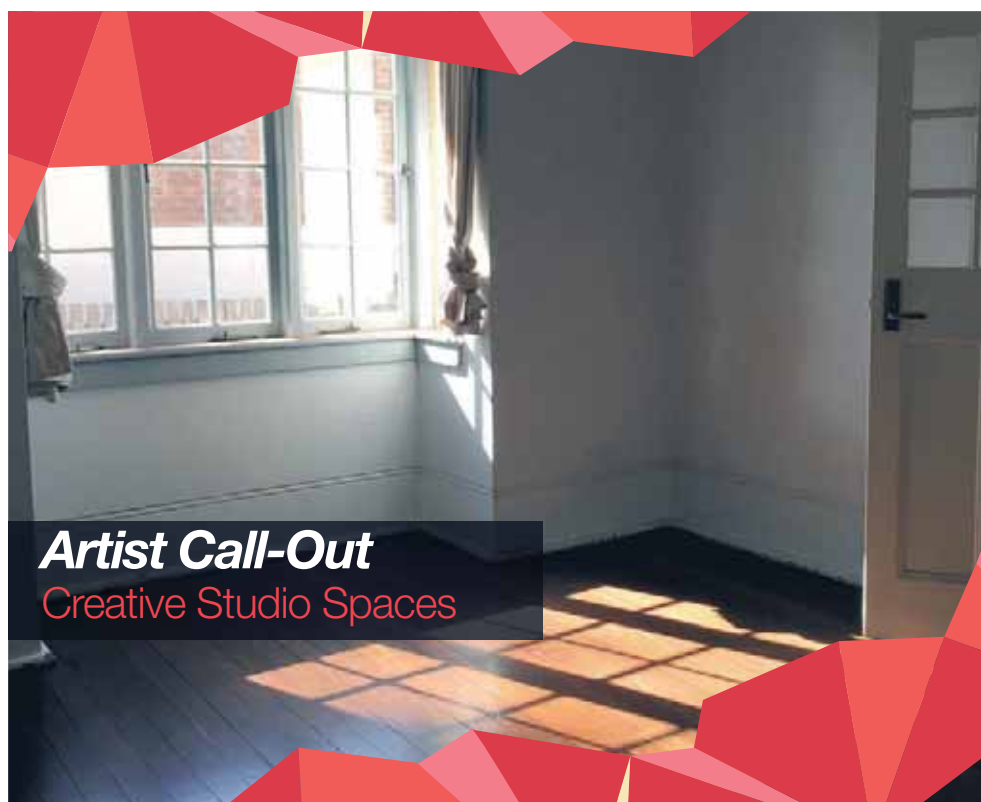
Located in the heart of the Ballina CBD, adjacent to the NRCG and housed in the historic former Ballina Fire Station, Ignite Studios at NRCG will provide a dynamic shared access space supporting the development and participation of artistic pursuits. This exciting new addition to the NRCG facilities is scheduled to open February 2018 and will include four artist studios, a visiting artist-in-residence (AiR) studio and two access spaces for workshops, creative events, pop-up exhibitions, meetings and special projects.

Applications are being invited for the Artist Studio program. The Artist Studio program provides subsidised studio spaces to creative practitioners across all fields, designed to encourage co-working and an open platform for professional development and opportunity.

Applications close Wednesday 20 December 2017.

Further information and applications are available via the Gallery website nrcgballina.com.au.

Image: Artists Steve Waller and Imbi Davidson
Making Marks in the Gallery program
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Artist in focus

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A few years ago she established her own brand, Keramika ceramics, which showcases her range of handmade ceramic homewares and jewellery that have sold in galleries, and restaurants as well. But this year Tali took a new bold step and leased the old Telstra building in Mullumbimby turning it into The Depot. There, she moved her studio and renovated a large room for ceramic classes and workshops which will begin early 2018.

'I love the endless possibilities that clay offers as a medium, the connection to the Earth and the fact that it needs all the elements: earth, water, air and fire. It's a very humble and tactile material to work with and I find it meditative and grounding. In truth, it's virtually a therapeutic process where you can both "tune in" and be present.'

If you would like to discover Tali's work you can check out her newly established gallery in her Depot studio as she will open it to the public for a pre-holiday season sale on...

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I don't think he could have seen how that vision could have spawned what should be the most culturally appropriated choir in the country, but has fast become embraced for its celebration of culture. You see these 28 men dressed like working men have found their way into the hearts not just of Mullumbimby, but the world!

Finally the Soviets' plan for world domination is realised, by the unlikely gathering of dads from Mullumbimby. They don't even speak Russian. But man, can they sing it!

Mark Swivel is the spokesperson for Dustyesky. Not because he speaks Russian; because he's the best at pretending he is actually Russian. Let's not forget what actually creates the magic that has seen the guys on Russian news! 'We love singing the songs,' he says. 'We love having an excuse to get out on a weeknight to have a beer and sing songs. It's a men's shed without the tools. You can chat and sing these amazing songs. It's 28 blokes really going for it. It's actually really risky to sing 4-part harmonies. We are generally ordinary blokes with decent voices, so it's a challenge to try and pull it off.'

You might be surprised to learn that not everyone in Dustyesky is a great singer. It's not about that.

'One-third are excellent, one-third are good and one-third are



good company over a beer,' says Mark.

The group who started out singing three songs have now developed an hour-long show, one which they presented recently on invitation at the Bondi Pavilion with the Russian Ambassador in attendance.

'At the show I welcomed him and his wife – at least I assume it's his wife! He seemed to laugh. He stayed for a drink. A whole lot of diplomats turned up, including the consul-general from Sydney and heaps of Russian people and friends and family.'

Like opera singers who don't speak Italian, Dustyesky don't speak Russian, but they can certainly sing it. In fact they sing it so well that they found themselves on a Moscow news channel. Men singing Russian songs in Mullumbimby making news in Moscow. It's kind of ridiculous if you think about it, but wonderful at the same time.

The Russians love Dustyesky almost more than we do. 'Russia is copping a hiding in the world today,' says Mark. Their reputation is shot and the psyche is beaten up. When Russian people listen to us on the web they are hearing people celebrate a culture that they love. We thought we would get found out singing Russian songs and pretending to be Russian and that there would be complaints. It happened at exactly the same time as cultural appropriation became a big issue. We are going balls out not caring one bit about politeness or courtesy of serious choirs. Russian people see us singing Soviet songs and folk songs and sacred songs and it spins them out.

It's like tripping for a Russian person, and because we sing well enough and we love what we are doing and there is humour and we respect the songs we get away with it!

They do more than get away with it; turns out they are celebrated for it. Dustyesky have been invited to perform their hour-long show at Womadelaide this year. With real musicians. The best in the world. The irony of that isn't lost on a bunch of blokes who meet on Tuesday for a beer.

Dustyesky will be singing for the Mullum Neighbourhood Centre Xmas Fundraiser on Tuesday 19 December at the Brunswick Picture House.

'Mullum is home,' says Mark. 'It has incubated the whole Dustyesky thing. The best way to pay a little back is to respond to this sort of request. We get asked to do all sorts of stuff but we perform right next to the Neighbourhood Centre at the music festival and we rehearse across the road. We are keeping the love in the block. Mullum spawned us.'

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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WARNING: CONTAINS COARSE LANGUAGE

The other day my 8-year-old said that I swear too much. I was fucking shocked. I said 'Really? What about your friends' mums – do they swear?' She said 'No'. I responded in the only way a responsible mum of five can. 'Get Fucked? Not at all? Shit.' Ivy just shook her head. Kids these days are so conservative. You think she'd be proud that I not only swear – I get paid to swear. So for me it's not cussing, it's working. There is this belief that people who swear are less intelligent. Only people who don't swear say that. They think that you swear because you have a poor vocabulary and you can't express yourself properly. According to science, that is total bullshit. That's not how they said it but it's the conclusion they reached after studying swearing. Okay,

you prune-faced judgmental sugar-tongued bitches, let me hit you with this. Studies have shown that swearing may in fact display more rather than less intelligent use of language! We swear in different contexts. We can swear to make people laugh, to upset people, to convey emotion. We swear when we are frustrated. We swear when we are angry. When we are excited. We swear when we are happy. When we win lotto. When we run over the dog. When we forget an important meeting. When we drive through a speed camera 20km over. When we get pulled over for drunk driving. We swear when we are stressed. There is nothing more stress relieving than a good swear. I mean how can you actually drive around here without swearing? If I didn't say 'fucking Queenslanders' about every five minutes I'd have a stroke. Swearing helps me through the day. When I am exasperated there is nothing better than letting rip with a little For Fuck's Sake. Or for the more delicate out there – FFS. I have never seen the problem with swearing. As a comedian I can use two gears: swearing or not swearing. Swearing is ALWAYS funnier. Not because swearing is funny but because the emotion behind the language is always perfectly pitched. So I thought I'd check my verbal fluency when it comes to swearing. It's about how many swear words you can think of in a minute. It's called Swearing Fluency. You might want to test yourself in case you're a fucking idiot. Imagine trying to improve your kids' IQ by getting them to swear more. Come on, Ivy, you have five minutes of swearing before bedtime. Call Mummy a bitch. I was actually tempted when working with children recently to intervene in an altercation when it became

physical with the statement 'Okay, kids, we don't use hands. Use your words. Don't hit him, call him a cunt.' So here's my minute. Ready, Go. Cock dick fucktard bloody bastard arsehole prick knob pussysse dickhead fuckknuckle wanker bugger bitch cockhead buttcrack son of a bitch piss off fuck off fuck you fuck up get fucked fuck yourself fuck it fuck them twat crap holy shit motherfucker damn shit ass jesus wept goddamn cunt. Turns out I'm a genius. According to scientists or, as I like to call them, fucking smart cunts, swearing appears to be a feature of language than an articulate speaker can use to communicate with maximum effectiveness. They are even saying that swearing can be used as natural pain relief. They asked a bunch of volunteers to hold their hands in iced water for as long as they could while repeating a swear word. The same set of participants did the same test but used a neutral non-swear word. Those who swore could withstand the pain of the ice-cold water for longer and rated it as less painful. This is revolutionary. You could do away with pain medication and just administer swear words. Got a headache? Just say Fuck twice and if pain persists see your doctor. And if you can't get an appointment when you need it then tell him to go fuck himself. Wow, headache gone! The science of swearing ? Who the Hell is funding this shit?



THE KNIGHT OF DAZE

Multi-award-winning singer/songwriter **Kellie Knight** and her 8-piece jazz/funk ensemble **The Daze** are here for their last home show for 2017 at Byron's funkiest original music venue, **The Rails this Friday**. Expect to hit the dance floor with their unique blend of soul, funk and jazz that celebrates improvisation among musicians, and is topped with gritty powerhouse vocals that deliver Knight's catchy original tunes. The Daze's biggest lineup to date including Steve McCleod and Matt Day on guitars, Carl Georg on drums, Angus Graham on bass, Wil Sargisson on keys and Rebecca Ireland and Mark Heazlett on backing vocals.



TROPICAL GALA CHRISTMAS

Feel like a family-friendly night with tropical Christmas cheer and classic songs with a swaying Hula and Calypso twist? Then you are in luck. Come along to the **Tropical Gala Xmas** featuring Parissa Bouas, Miss Amber, Aloha Baby, Tropic-a-pella Choir, and some local rising young stars...

The night will open with the fresh-faced local talent singing Christmas tunes from across the ages...

Tropic-a-pella, a 20-voice choir, based in Brunswick Heads and directed by Janet Swain and Adrian Brett, will sing classic Christmas songs.

Aloha Baby trio play a hip swaying selection of Hawaiian tunes, featuring the outstanding **Paul Agar** on lap steel guitar, Mullum's own **Stukulele** on ukulele and legendary Rod Coe on double bass. They'll be joined later on the night by the sensuous tones of **Miss Amber** and **Parissa Bouas** on Hawaiian, Calypso and Christmas tunes.

Prizes for best audience costumes and lucky door entry.

Tickets on sale now from: www.clubmullum.com – \$10 entry, kids under 12 free. Doors open 6.30pm.

Friday at Club Mullum.

IN YOUR RANGE

Out of Range are on a roll right now.

With the release of their first EP, they have won recognition at the Dolphin Awards, as finalists in three categories.

They also won the PlayMullum songwriting contest for the Mullumbimby Music Festival.

This gave them a coveted festival spot and opportunity to wow a national audience. Warning: this is genre-fluid music. May contain traces of piano, accordion, violin, double bass, guitar, vocals, harmonies and megaphone. Be prepare to sing, swagger, sway and swoon.

Byron Markets on Sunday and Bangalow Markets on Dec 24. outofrangeband.com.

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COSMIC FUNK FOLK

Dance through a kaleidoscopic sound space with the **Cosmic Funk Lounge** debut. Featuring Robby Neil on Celtic and African harps and sax, Matt Ostila on hand pans, jaw harps and pass, Walter Piccolruaz on percussion, Oles Krolkowski on guitar and Cy Wood on violin. Experience this creative collaboration of five of Byron Shire's most regarded musicians. **This Friday at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby at 7.30pm.**

THE PHAT EMPIRE

Kim Moxham takes his music to **The Empire Cafe** in Mullumbimby on **Friday night** from 5pm, playing chill and funky beats with live sax and flute.



Making Music with Vesica Pisces

FROM THE GLACIAL WATERS OF THE HOLY GANGES IN INDIA, THE WRITING OF 13TH CENTURY PERSIAN MYSTICS, TO THE ANCIENT EARTH WORSHIP CEREMONIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES, VESICA PISCES DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE IN A TAPESTRY OF SOUND, BREAKING DOWN GENRE BARRIERS TO CREATE A TRULY UNIQUE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE.

Weaving eastern-tinged guitar, cinematic layers of strings, exotic traditional percussion with downtempo beats, deep melodic bass lines, sound collage and design with soaring vocals, Vesica Pisces aspire to make music that is timeless, powerful, emotive and enchanting.

What exactly is the Vesica Pisces Project?

Vesica Pisces are a 6-piece band blending traditional acoustic instruments with cutting-edge electronica.

Their music has a message, one of contemplation, a push to explore our directions in our search for what is truly sacred, for meaning, cross-cultural appreciation and inspiration

How did you maintain your focus and drive for the seven years it took to record your album?

There was a strong vision from the beginning. Although we were tempted along the way to take shortcuts, we stayed true to the vision that we had, which was to create something that we would be proud of in the years to come, something that would be timeless. The music guided us along the way. We were servants to it really. The album itself is very grand, cinematic and an ambitious undertaking for us. The project has required massive perseverance and patience. A profound journey of commitment, surrender, initiation, dedication, upskilling, breathing, of not knowing and trusting, and being led by a fire within that has forged this creative offering. We also really supported one another along the way.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

A lot of the material has come through moments of insight, of awe, and the exploration of the mystery, the unseen. Within this album there are songs inspired by elements around the globe. Life is our inspiration and, in turn, this is our offering to life, this is how we can feed the gods with our eloquence.

What is it about Middle Eastern music that resonates with you? Is it the relationship to the sacred? Is it something we crave, do you think?

We love the rhythmic elements of Middle Eastern music, both the timings and the sounds of the instrumentation that is used. We feel that the traditional music of the Middle East also draws on the inspiration of the mystical realms, so yes, the artful expression of the divine mystery is very resonant.

Deep down everyone craves ceremony,

ritual, togetherness, experiences of transcendence. We are all hungry for it. Art is a vehicle for this, which taps into this innate human need that is beyond cultural dogmas and religious beliefs. We definitely feel that we have a responsibility to inspire with our art.

Who were the players you took into the studio? How did the music change and evolve over the recording process?

We co-produced the album with Ben Last and Avishai Barnatan, drawing on their strengths in the realms of sound design and composition. Their unique abilities have brought the best out in this project. We had our core players, Jason Karabash, Brook Rees, Elvis Callaghan, and Rebekah Ray, and were joined by some of the best musicians of the area, including Cy Wood, Yohai Cohen, Pete Wilkins, Tahir Qawwal, Avishai Barnatan and Shai Shriki.

The biggest evolution and change came from the electronic and rhythmic elements. The acoustica were pretty much prepared. Each song was a journey, some more effortless than others. There were tracks that we wrote the rhythm section three or four times before arriving to the place that was 'right'. It was a real challenge building beats, layered with multiple percussion instruments, and doing so in a way that didn't take away from one another.

Was there much difference between the concept of what you started out with and the finished product? How open do you negotiate that gap between maintaining a vision and being an open channel to new ideas?

The finished product is better, more rich than the initial vision. We were really organised. Lots of reference tracks, massive spreadsheets, creative workshoping that we would talk through for hours upon hours about how the track would evolve and what elements would support that. Every night we would review the day's work and note everything that needed tweaking for the next session.

As we worked, we had an agreement to try everything out before discarding it. At times there were four producers in the studio so you can imagine that there were moments where we well and truly went off on a tangent. With music, art in general, you have to be open to making mistakes. Some of the best outcomes come from that. And it is one of the most



rewarding things about being a creative. As producers, we needed to hold the vision and remain open, receptive and nonjudgmental to each moment. If we can succeed at that, the magic keeps flowing.

How does this album translate to the stage?

This is something that we have been working on for a while, and we feel that we have finally found our feet. As musicians, it has been important for us to play live, not to a backing track like so many producers do these days. We have woven in lots of samples into the rhythm section and also the singer uses live-triggered samples to bring a lot of the evolving sound design elements to the stage. We also have a string section, so the string arrangements throughout the album are beautifully captured live. All together it makes for a very immersive experience live.

What should we expect for your Byron Community Centre show and album launch?

It will be a very special evening of music, ritual and celebration as we launch our debut album. The event falls on the summer solstice, so it is a time for everyone to enjoy the harvest of the year. The night will begin with a chocolate cacao ceremony guided by Jemma Gawned, who holds impeccable space as priestess, followed by Cave in the Sky, which is a project formed by multi-instrumentalist Cy Wood. He is one of our favourite artists, so it is an honour to share the evening with Cave in the Sky. Vesica Pisces will be playing the music from the album, and will be joined by many of the guest artists including Tahir Qawwal, Avishai Barnatan, Shai Shriki and Murray Kyle. There will be dance performances by Travers Ross and Ikaïou Raven and visuals by Deep Time Media. The making of the album would not have been possible without the support of so many people in the community, so we look forward to sharing this special moment with you all.

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LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

David Bowie famously said of **The Human League** 'I have seen the future of pop music' and he wasn't wrong. Decades later, they are still in high demand and touring. For the first time in eight years, they're on their way to Australia for a special run of theatre shows.

The Human League have become pop icons in their own lifetime, with a career in which they have earned a reputation for fantastic live shows, sold millions of albums, and inspired two generations' worth of recording artists.

They have had #1 singles across Australia, Europe, the US, and undeniably given us some of the most memorable pop songs ever. Fans adored their unique mix of sound and image – from their beginnings as an artsy, avant-garde electronic band to their chart-topping new-wave hits of the 80s. Secure your tickets now to see them live onstage at **The Star Gold Coast on Saturday**. Tix start at \$99, available at The Star Gold Coast.



AN EVENING OF NORTH INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

Come and immerse yourself in the deep, evocative, vibrant beauty of **North Indian classical music** on Sunday in an intimate setting at Studio 93. Scott Benning (Sydney) on sitar, joined by Shen Flindell (Brisbane) on tabla, will present a dynamic musical dialogue of raga (melody) and tala (rhythm), displaying the rich traditions of Indian improvisation.

Scott has undergone extensive training in the Etawah gharana (style) of sitar playing and has studied under some of India's greatest sitar masters including Pandit Budhaditya Mukherjee, Ustad Imrat Khan and Ustad Shahid Parvez. Shen has spent more than twenty years learning from India's masters of the Benares gharana of tabla playing. Both musicians perform, teach and give workshops both locally and abroad.

Sunday, Studio 93, 93 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. 7pm. \$20 at the door.

LOVEY DOVEY

The Loveys, local 5-piece band bursting with colour and laughter, invites you to a Very Lovey Christmas – a little bit proper, a little bit mad. Bring your friends, dress yourselves up to the nines, grab a glass of champagne at the door and help us celebrate Christmas and also the reopening of the much-loved old Senior Citizens' Hall, now refurbished and re-named Marvell Hall.

This newly imagined space, situated in the quiet end of Marvell Street in Byron Bay, still caters for conventional seniors' activities but is also available as a reasonably priced venue for a range of other more adventurous, even 'marvellous' cultural community events.

Come and see The Loveys launching the new venue and showing what it has to offer.

With special guests Mike Russo, Byron Dance Dynamics and guitarist Paul Marzin.

Sunday, 4pm, entry by donation. 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay.

MERCY PLEASE!



Mercy Mercy are back at **The Rails Byron Bay this Saturday**, showcasing tracks from their forthcoming self-titled EP release, which includes *Miss You* – which is all about coming home; *Have Mercy* – about trying to hold on when everything is falling apart, *Sacred Ground* – is a reflection about influences; *It's Over* – is a 'stalky' reluctance to accept the inevitable, and *Boardwax and Acetone* – a rocking, goodtime homage to classic pub rock and summer on the north coast. They also promise there will be a surprise slide guitar player turning up at some time during the night who is on notice to cook up a finger-lickin' lick or two. Mercy Mercy pumping out the vibes from 7pm.

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The Xmas download by Women Like Us

WOMEN LIKE US COMEDIANS MANDY NOLAN AND ELLEN BRIGGS FINISH OFF A BIG YEAR OF TOURING WITH A SHOW AT THE BALLINA RSL. PUTTING A SMILE IN YOUR XMAS STOCKING, *THE ECHO* FOUND OUT WHEN IT COMES TO XMAS SPIRIT JUST WHO WAS NAUGHTY, AND WHO WAS NICE...

What is your favourite thing about Xmas?

E: Probably the food. If it's Xmas time, whatever you eat doesn't go towards your Weight Watchers points – it's all free!

M: Working really hard and not getting appreciated.

Favourite Xmas song?

E: Anything by Michael Buble of course. He is the king of Xmas, but I also love Paul Kelly's *How To Make Gravy*. I sob every time I hear it and that makes me happy.

M: I can never go past *Jingle Bell Rock*.

Decorate or not decorate?

E: Decorate like your life depends on it. The cheaper and daggier the better. My aim is to have my house look like the interior of a department store.

M: Oh, if I have to. I'm only going to have to pack it away in a few weeks.

Tell me what your table is going to look like.

E: Lots of decorations taking up space that annoy people but are 100 per cent necessary and lots of bon-bons. Everything is Xmas themed, even my salt and pepper shakers are little fat santas.

M: Four legs and a top.

Any plans for dressing the dog?

E: I had big plans, and got an outfit that was a coat with a little monkey on the back so it looks like it's riding the dog, but the dog is too big and it doesn't fit. My backup plan is a bow-tie. He will look dapper.

M: Do you mean like a salad?

What do you like to cook for lunch – are you traditional, or do you like the prawn approach?

E: I like a bit of both – but someone has to peel the prawns for me. I'm a princess.

M: I hate traditional Xmas lunch. It reminds me of when I choked on the coin in the pudding.

What annoys you about Xmas?

E: When people won't put the paper hat out of the bon-bon on. It ruins the whole day. Just put the fucken hat on.

M: When people make me put the fucking hat out of the bon-bon on.

What will you be wearing?

E: A frock and a paper hat.

M: Nothing. If I'm nude no-one stays long.

Worst Xmas ever?

E: I don't think I've had a really bad one. I just turn on Michael Buble and all my worries disappear.

M: When the partner I had at the time had a huge blast of heroin and then nodded off in the Xmas turkey. I told my parents that he was tired.

Best Xmas ever?

E: Can't pinpoint one, but the ideal one starts with breakfast and present opening, the dog ripping up paper, carols playing and then goes onto lunch, and of course some backyard cricket tops off the day.

M: When we gave the kids really shit presents and we gave Rachel a plastic phone in an iPhone case and she got really excited and then realised we'd tricked her. Fuck, that was funny.

Your idea of Xmas heaven?

E: I would love to be at Jamie Oliver's house with Mariah Carey as a guest. The food would be great and Mariah would get smashed and sing cheesy carols all day.

M: Swanky 5-star hotel. Snow. Foot massage. Champagne. Then I can't tell you what happens next but let's just say it's not a chimney Santa comes down next.

What you will be doing this year?

E: Breakfast at home, then visiting family whom we haven't seen for some time, and sleeping in a tent. That will ruin the



day but if I don't go to bed until late, the day won't be ruined until late.

M: We're at home. Alone. None of our family likes us anymore.

Your Xmas message?

E: Don't worry about receiving shit gifts. Hold onto that bitterness, re-gift the shit gift to someone else, and remember who gave it to you and repay them next year. And drink heaps. Merry Christmas, everyone.

M: Unpack the fucking dishwasher.

ELLEN BRIGGS AND MANDY NOLAN PERFORM WOMEN LIKE US AT THE BALLINA RSL ON THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER. TIX ARE \$30 AT THE CLUB OR ONLINE AT BALLINARSL.COM.AU. SHOW STARTS AT 8PM.

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♈ **ARIES:** If factors you hadn't even considered suddenly make an appearance to change the seasonal game plan, interpersonal relations and communications need delicate handling this week as tensions escalate. Your patron planet Mars in Scorpio is presently powering a strong personal growth spurt in emotional control. Or not... always your call.

♉ **TAURUS:** This week asks you to dig deep, which suits your earth-sign style. With energetic Mars in sexy Scorpio, getting to the roots of complications using the famous Tauran patience when everything takes forever, playing peacemaker and sourcing tangible, down-to-earth solutions where everyone gets a win can actually be a turn-on...

♊ **GEMINI:** While Geminis are attuned to the new, the coming fortnight favours winding up unfinished business and getting stuck into the meaning-to-do list: in particular, overdue paperwork and servicing mechanicals. Sounding ho-hum? Not likely, with so much astral activity in your social zone, and so many seasonal reasons to shop for digital gadgetry.

♋ **CANCER:** This week's over-reactions, misunderstandings, forgotten promises and people taking offence could sour anyone's mood, but to paraphrase the old saying: honey attracts more buzz than vinegar, so stay sweet. There's plenty of friendly end-of-year fun and congenial camaraderie to enjoy. Let events evolve organically rather than pushing to get agendas met.

♌ **LEO:** Current strong surges of emotion need constructive channelling. Rather than repeating familiar scripts or replaying old roles, experiment with alternative ways of responding: like taking the approach that something's not right or wrong, it just needs a rethink. Then fluff up your mane big-time for late week's adventurous pleasures.

♍ **VIRGO:** If expectations aren't met this week or perhaps plans crash, consider what's left: it's probably plenty. Mars in Scorpio brings your analytical abilities and problem-solving skills to the fore, but don't make this a chore: think pleasure rather than pressure. Actually, the Virgo week would benefit most from making a don't-do list.

♎ **LIBRA:** Seasonal cheer, festive merriment, lively local fun, generous gestures, invitations to all kinds of occasions: this week's world's a whirl. But Mercury retrograde in the arms of Venus illustrates the rewards of backing off from too much hustle and bustle: doing the Venusian thing of cherry picking the best and leaving the rest.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Mars enters your sign like fire sizzling into water, generating a smoulder of steam heat. Add this week's Scorpio moon with its strong emotional charge and you may have to dial down the voltage before you leave scorch marks. In its purest form this intense energy expresses as controlled, confident warmth.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Should plan A come to grief this week, tremendous celestial support from Sun, Venus, Mercury and Saturn in your sign has plans B, C and D ready to roll. But keep your wits about you. Saying the right thing to the right person at the right time will work wonders. And vice versa? Well... the opposite.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** With this week's tendency to over-inflate, exaggerate or misrepresent, be wary of inaccurate estimates of cost, time and what's needed. But don't let judgments about others spoil the holiday joy, because mistakes aren't necessarily intentional. Keep your hooves on terra firma, show love in material ways, expect changing arrangements

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Finding others unreliable and inconsistent? It's that time of year, with added celestial complications confounding everyone's perspective and playing special havoc with your groupthink approach. What to do? As always, use the opportunity to be creative. To think out of the box. That is your forte, after all.

♓ **PISCES:** This week's planetary palette of changing conditions and circumstances won't unnerve you flexibles as much as it might others. So here's your chance to make a contribution to world peace by being supportive, thoughtful and there for those who need you, ie harried, frazzled friends driven crazy with hazy arrangements and vague plans.

John Butler Trio plays Bluesfest: The Thrill Ain't Gone

WHEN MUSICIAN JOHN BUTLER STARTED OUT HE THOUGHT THAT HE COULD 'CARRY A GUITAR AND AMP AND A SWAG AND THAT I WOULD BE LIKE A ROVING, GYPSY MINSTREL AROUND THE COUNTRY, A ROVING FERAL GYPSY MINSTREL'. IN A GUESS THAT'S KIND OF WHAT HAPPENED. BUT BUTLER DON'T BUSK NO MORE. HE'S IN DEMAND ON BIG STAGES BOTH HERE AND INTERNATIONALLY.

Butler is a committed environmentalist whose passion for action finds its way into his music. *Bully* is the single off his new album and it talks about the paradigm between the community who want the same thing: opportunity, respect, dignity, clean air and clean water. But there is the other side. 'The industrial kind of megalomaniac, eco-cidal, kind of reich, kind of corporate world that seems to be killing the planet,' says Butler. 'I find the energy to be quite bully like, and if there is one thing that seems to be the biggest threat to the world and to the environment and to the community, and to humanity and the planet, it's

this bullying-type mentality. It gets what it wants at any price and I don't like that. I don't like that kind of headspace or that energy that it could push good people around to get what it wants and I'm not into it.'

Butler believes that although we're reaching some critical points in our environment, that the people's movement is making progress.

'When anything comes to a head,' says Butler, 'things get extreme. You have the fossil-fuel oligarchy that are getting more and more desperate to have their drug, which is fossil fuels. They are more and more desperate for their fix than they have ever been because their

fix is running out, both in social currency and in real time. The actual resource is running out. So as any junkie, as they get weaned off their junk, they get more and more desperate and more and more aggressive. And so you are seeing that. What we lose looks like the problem is getting worse but at the same time I just read something that by 2030 in Western Australia more than 40 per cent of the energy is going to be renewable.

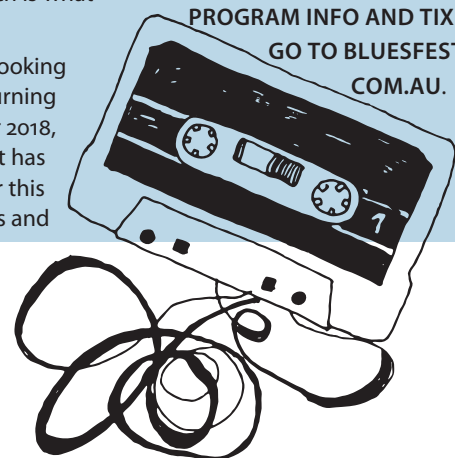
'So more than ever I think people are wanting to do things the most logical and easy way possible and the most logical and commonsense way to go about living on this planet is sustainability. If we actually fund the right technologies, we will create more jobs and the energy will be cheaper than ever, which is what people want.'

John Butler is looking forward to returning to Bluesfest for 2018, something that has significance for this blues and roots and

people-power-infused artist.

'The first time I got to play Bluesfest in 2000 I thought this is it. I thought I had made it and I still feel that way. I feel like that every time I get to play Bluesfest. I go, I feel okay. This is a big deal. Woodford and Bluesfest, it was 20 years ago, to get those gigs as a budding young musician was like the holy grail in many ways; it still is, so I am still so stoked to be part of the lineup, and to be one of all those many great musicians who hold the presence of that audience onstage and to be part of the community and to be part of that legacy is a thrill that never fades.

JOHN BUTLER TRIO PLAY BLUESFEST 2018. FOR PROGRAM INFO AND TIX GO TO BLUESFEST.COM.AU.



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JAX & BEANS

For the Xmas Pantomime this year, **Lismore Theatre Company** is bringing a classic fairytale to life and giving it a unique twist: **Jax and the Beanstalk**. This contemporary re-write of the classic fairytale sees Jax as a strong and independent young woman, who trades the cow for magic beans and adventures into the world of mysterious giants. But there is much more happening in this magical adventure. With a dastardly baron, bumbling henchmen, vicious gremlins, a long-suffering Mother and a handsome Prince. Ginger Dickens, who plays Jax, has a passion for acting both on stage and TV. Ginger is currently starring in a children's TV series called *Grace Beside Me* which will air in 2018 on NITV. Ginger's mother is a strong Wiradjuri woman and successful artist and her father is an actor. 'Girl power is my thing,' Ginger says, 'and I love that I get to save the Prince and have an adventure written previously only for boys!' Only four performances Saturday and Sunday at The Rochdale Theatre at 11am and 2pm.



Children under 12 – \$5, Adults – \$10 and Families 2 Adults & 2 children – \$25. Tickets can be purchased by following the link: www.trybooking.com/330909

SEE SAE

SAE Creative Media Institute presents an exhibition of work from the Audio, Design, Film, and Games students. This exhibition will showcase the outstanding creative talents of current SAE students to their peers, alumni, industry professionals and staff. If you are thinking about a career in the creative media then it's the perfect opportunity to see the work of some of the region's best young creators. **Thursday at SAE Byron Bay, 1-3pm.**

TALKING TRAVEL

Abroad Broke & Busted and *Crazy Shit in Asia* are both compilations of adventure travel stories with a sense of humour by writer **Matt Towner** and his local writer/traveller friends and family. Both books can be purchased and ordered from all good book shops in the Shire or online with a quick google search or at www.travellerstaleswriters.com.

If you have your books and want them signed by the author and other contributors come to the **Beach Hotel on Friday from 5pm**. More and more stories will be told and made on the day for sure and all fun loving friends are welcome.

THE GLITTA SUPERNOVA EXPERIENCE

BODY MAP

Saturday 30th December 2017
THE BYRON THEATRE
8pm 69 Janson Street, Byron Bay

"An audacious, hilarious & sharply political show"
-Theatreview

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TIX: www.byroncentre.com.au/event/bodymap

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Friday and Saturday at the Brunswick Picture House. Tickets on line at brunswickpicturehouse.com. Friday Adult \$40 | Friday Concession \$35 | Saturday Adult \$45 | Saturday Concession \$40

ALL THAT GLITAS



What is **Glitta Supernova's** new show **Bodymap**? Why it's psychedelic, satirical, personal and political storytelling, a hybrid mix of bent burlesque and experimental theatre that's packed to the rafters with puns, punches and possibilities. *Body Map* is a deep dive across the consumer-bordered planet and into our inner being, highlighting our capacity to transform despite the odds. Red-light surrealism bridging intimacy and objectification, in a sixty-minute physical freeway that won't be tarred for convenience.

Australia's cult pioneer of performance art brings her multi-nominated, award-winning show to Byron Theatre as part of Tropical Fruits Festival.

Glitta, who grow up in Lennox Head, pulls the bordello body bus into her home town again with her latest show amassing a total six nominations and three awards including winner of the Top Gong Best in Fringe 2017 award, Best Cabaret 2017 and Most Outstanding Performer. Glitta sold out the Byron Theatre in 2015 with her previous one-woman show *Let's get METAphysical* and she's sure to do it again.

Byron Theatre on Saturday 30 December at 8pm. Tix on byroncentre.com.au.

CINEMA

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

seven ONLY THE BRAVE



With the bushfire season upon us ('the country is a tinderbox' is Australian journalism's equivalent of the 'first swallow of spring'), this timely movie reminds us of the sacrifices that firefighters make to keep safe our lives and homes. The shorthand character reference for the guys with whom we are about to spend the next couple of hours is provided by Acca Dacca's ball-tearing *It's A Long Way To The Top* (say no more – RIP Malcolm Young), and followed by a cracking joke about the Mount Rushmore monument ('she thought it was naturally formed'). Testosterone is soon running rampant as Superintendent Eric Marsh (Josh Brolin) and his municipal crew, including greenhorn ex-junkie Brendan McDonough (Miles Teller), strive to be designated 'Hot Shots' (ie, a fully professional team that works nationwide). After qualifying as such, in the summer of 2013 the Granite Mountain boys find themselves on the job and battling the fast-spreading Yarnell Hill (Arizona) inferno. This true story (of which I was entirely unaware) is built on the camaraderie of the men involved, a strong sense of community that is eked out by director Joseph Kosinski and the depiction of old-fashioned courage in the face of danger. The film is intensely masculine, but that need not be to its detriment. If Mavis (Andie MacDowell) is little more than the lesser half of Sheriff Steinbrink (Jeff Bridges), Brolin's wife Amanda (Jennifer Connelly) is given much more time and consideration. A 'horse-whisperer', she is childless and increasingly chagrined at the sacrifice she has had to make in her personal life to support Eric's total commitment to his job. It is the sort of movie that has you wondering from about halfway 'who will it be that gets killed?' Eric? Brendan? The loyal deputy? The ladies' man? The climax was (for me) unforeseen and, because of the genuineness of all performance, it was immensely moving. Check it out – it's much better than the super-hero fluff.

Every Wednesday All Seats All Sessions \$10.00 Only

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Killing a Sacred Deer 5:45pm
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Friday Dec 15
Murder Orient Express 1:30pm
Loving Vincent 3:45pm
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Killing a Sacred Deer 8:00pm

Saturday Dec 16
Murder Orient Express 12:40pm
Paddington 2 3:00pm
Killing a Sacred Deer 5:00pm

Sunday Dec 17
Paddington 2 11:15am
Loving Vincent 1:20pm
Killing a Sacred Deer 3:20pm
Murder Orient Express 5:40pm
Thor Ragnarok 8:00pm

Monday Dec 18 Tix \$11
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Loving Vincent 6:00pm
Killing a Sacred Deer 8:00pm

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THURSDAY 14

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **AMISAT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **CHEF DE PARTY & FRIENDS**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON 7PM **LEE HAMILTON**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **BYRON BALLET OPEN DAY CONCERT**
- SAE, BYRON 1PM **STUDENT SHOWCASE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **ALEX MAIORANO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **BEN WALSH**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **LIVE GYPSY JAZZ**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 6PM **SALSA**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS HOTEL 7PM **SIMON WIGHT**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BIG THIEF**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLO 7.30PM **JACKIE LOEB WITH ANNE HOWE & MC MANDY NOLAN**

FRIDAY 15

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **THE BIG DOOZY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, MAR HAZE, MATTHEW ARMITAGE, FIRE & WHISKEY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **KELLIE KNIGHT AND THE DAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES, MATT TOWNER BOOK SIGNING, 9PM GOLDEN SOUND**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **ROMISOUNDS + CUBAN PARTY**
- FRESH, BYRON 4PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- LUSCIOUS FOODS CAFÉ, BYRON 6PM **ANDRÉ COMARU**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON 9.30PM **EUGENE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **BANKSIA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **LIVE MUSIC & DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- SUN BISTRO, BAYSHORE DRIVE BYRON 6PM **OOZ**
- BSA PROJECT SPACE, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **RAYLEE DELANEY 'FREE RANGE'**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **TROPICAL GALA CHRISTMAS WITH PARISSA BOUAS, CLELIA ADAMS, MISS AMBER, ALOHA BABY, TROPIC-A-PELLA CHOIR & RISING YOUNG STARS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **LOUNGE SESSIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- THE EMPIRE, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **KIM MOXHAM**
- THE DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **COSMIC FUNK LOUNGE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 7PM **SUPERCHEESE**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE, 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL, 8PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- LENNOX HOTEL, 9.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- BALLINA BOARDWALK, 5PM **BRIAN PAMPHILON, 8.30 THE J-TONES**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB, 7.30PM **CHERILEE HALL**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 7.30PM **HODADS DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB, 7.30PM **ROCKIN RON**
- SALTA BAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ REQUEST**
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 5.30PM **PAUL LINDENBERG, 8.30PM MUDSLIDE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS 8PM **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS CLUB 5PM **CORY HARGREAVES**

SATURDAY 16

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **VINNIE LA DUCE, FEEDING FAUNA, SOPHIE OZARD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MERCY MERCY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY, 3PM **ESSENTIAL INTENSIONS**
- BYRON BOWLING CLUB 11AM **BUB - BEST UNSIGNED BANDS**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET, 4 - 9PM **JESSE MORRIS**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON 9.30PM **LENNOX LUST**
- THE SUN BISTRO, BYRON 5PM **THE CASUALS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **JORDAN MCROBBIE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **STEVE BANKS & MARK JELFS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **SALOON SESSIONS WITH DJ MILES JACKSON**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **LOUNGE SESSIONS**
- HOUSE CONCERT, 14 TINCogan STREET, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **KRISTINA OLSEN**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKETS, **CLIFF FLETCHER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 7PM **THE LIQUID ECLECTIC**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE, 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORD**
- LENNOX HOTEL, 9.30PM **PISTOL WHIP**
- BALLINA RSL, BOARDWALK 6PM **MAL EASTICK AND 9PM DENNIS WILSON,**
- BALLINA RSL, LEVEL ONE 8PM **AUDIO VIXEN**
- BALLINA BOWLO 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- MARY G'S HOTEL, LISMORE, **PUSH**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE 11AM & 2PM **LISMORE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT JAX & THE BEANSTALK**
- KNOX PARK, 9AM **MURWILLUMBAH MAKERS & FINDERS MARKET**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB, 7.30PM **CHERILEE HALL**
- KNOX PARK MURWILLUMBAH 9AM - 2PM **HANDMADE XMAS MARKET**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 7.30PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- SALTA BAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ REQUEST**
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CURRUMBIN PUB, 8PM **THE WAYWARD SUNS ALBUM LAUNCH, DOGTAGS, DREAMS OF INDIG**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **MACKENZIE, 8PM THE PINK SHOW**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS JUNIORS CLUB 5PM **BILL JACOBI**

SUNDAY 17

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **ROSS EVANS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK, 7PM COCO REPUBLIC**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB, 4PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON 3PM **MARK RIDOUT**

- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET, 9AM - 3PM **OUT OF RANGE, BUSKERS - KEVIN LASO, GUY KACHEL, STICKY ROCK**
- STUDIO 93, BYRON 7PM **NORTH INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC**
- MARVELL HALL, BYRON 4PM **THE LOVEYS LAUNCHING WITH GUESTS MIKE RUSSO, BYRON DANCE DYNAMICS AND GUITARIST PAUL MARZIN**
- SUN BISTRO, BAYSHORE DRIVE BYRON 5PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON **SUNDAY SESSION LUNCH LATE DJ DANGEROUS COBRA & EVA J**
- THE FARM, EWINGSDALE 5PM **JESSE MORRIS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **THE DETECTIVES**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL BACK STAGE, 2PM **MONKEY & THE FISH, THE SHED, THE PHEROMONES**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE, 9AM **HOMEMADE JAM**
- TRAWLERS BAR, BRUNSWICK HEADS 2PM **ANDY BURKE & LINDA SEALE**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE 11AM & 2PM **LISMORE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT JAX & THE BEANSTALK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL, 2PM **CREDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVED**
- CURRUMBIN RSL, 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- LENNOX HOTEL, 9.30PM **OOZ**
- AUGUSTINE'S WINE BAR, LISMORE 4PM **JIM-BOB**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 12PM **COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SUNDAZE WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 3PM **KHANAGUE JOHNSON**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 12PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS JUNIORS CLUB 2.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- UKI MARKET 8AM - 12.30PM

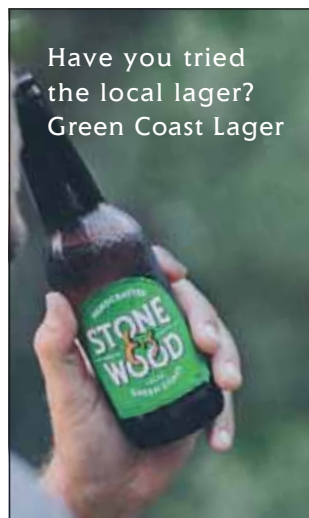
MONDAY 18

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JOSH HAMILTON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL, 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB, 12PM **RAFF DE**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 12.30 **GOODMAN SWINGS AGAIN**

TUESDAY 19

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **MARSHALL OKELL**

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- HALL UNDER BYRON GYM 6.45PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJS JAMIE, SLHTE, 4 EYES**
- SUN BISTRO, BAYSHORE DRIVE BYRON **TRIVIA TUESDAYS STEWY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE, 7PM **DUSTYESKY MULLUM NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE FUNDRAISER**
- TWIN TOWN SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **OUTTAWAK CHRISTMAS SHOW**

WEDNESDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **PETER PAN**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON 9PM **BIGGY P MUSIC**
- SUN BISTRO, BAYSHORE DRIVE, BYRON **SURF & TURF**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **SWING**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TWIN TOWNS, SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS, SHOWROOM 10.30AM **A VERY MERRY TWIN TOWNS CHRISTMAS**
- TWIN TOWNS SERVICES CLUB, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 12.30PM **ELEPHANT ROCK 4PM HOTWIRE, 7.30PM PLUMB LOCO**

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FUNERAL NOTICES

GOOLEY, RITA BARBARA
25-09-1924 ~ 07-12-2017

Passed away peacefully with family at her side. Much loved wife of the late (Gerald) Harold Gooley. Loving mother and mother-in-law to Judith and Michael Nicholls & Noreen and Jeff Scott. Cherished grandmother of Mathew and Vivian, Louise and Michael, Alice and Giovanni, Jane and Takahiro, Peter, Nathan and Cecile, Sarah and Sean, Aimee and Corey. Precious great grandmother to Harrison, Karney, Iris, Akira, Henry and Quinten. Rita will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Thanks to Dr Michael Pelmore and Meadows Clinic, Bill Tyrrell and Stomal Support Group, Coolamon Villa and Staff for their compassionate care and support of Rita.

Aged 93 years

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Requiem Mass to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on THURSDAY (December 14, 2017) commencing at 1.00pm followed by burial at Mullumbimby Cemetery.

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DEATH NOTICES



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HELPFUL INFORMATION

○ Full moon	Dec 4	02:46
● Third quarter	Dec 10	18:51
● New moon	Dec 18	17:30
● First quarter	Dec 26	20:20

DECEMBER 2017
Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 F	0540	1929	1644	0332	0717,1.56; 1921,1.41	0042,0.17; 1316,0.36
2 S	0540	1930	1749	0425	0805,1.70; 2012,1.41	0124,0.10; 1412,0.28
3 S	0540	1931	1857	0512	0853,1.81; 2102,1.38	0206,0.05; 1506,0.21
4 M	0540	1931	2005	0604	0941,1.89; 2152,1.34	0249,0.03; 1600,0.17
5 T	0540	1932	2111	0703	1030,1.93; 2152,1.34	0335,0.05; 1655,0.17
6 W	0540	1933	2212	0805	1120,1.91; 2336,1.22	0423,0.10; 1751,0.19
7 T	0540	1934	2306	0910	1211,1.85	0513,0.18; 1847,0.23
8 F	0540	1934	2354	1015	0033,1.17; 1303,1.75	0608,0.29; 1945,0.28
9 S	0540	1935		1118	0137,1.13; 1359,1.64	0710,0.39; 2043,0.32
10 S	0541	1936	0037	1219	0248,1.14; 1456,1.52	0819,0.49; 2141,0.35
11 M	0541	1936	0116	1317	0401,1.18; 1555,1.42	0934,0.55; 2235,0.35
12 T	0541	1937	0153	1413	0508,1.27; 1656,1.34	1049,0.57; 2326,0.33
13 W	0541	1938	0228	1508	0605,1.36; 1752,1.28	1157,0.55
14 T	0542	1938	0303	1601	0654,1.45; 1843,1.25	0009,0.30; 1256,0.52
15 F	0542	1939	0338	1655	0736,1.53; 1928,1.23	0048,0.28; 1346,0.47
16 S	0542	1940	0415	1748	0815,1.59; 2009,1.22	0124,0.25; 1430,0.42
17 S	0543	1940	0455	1840	0851,1.64; 2046,1.21	0158,0.24; 1512,0.39
18 M	0543	1941	0537	1931	0927,1.67; 2123,1.20	0230,0.23; 1550,0.36
19 T	0543	1941	0622	2020	1000,1.68; 2159,1.18	0302,0.24; 1627,0.35
20 W	0544	1942	0710	2106	1036,1.68; 2236,1.16	0335,0.26; 1702,0.36
21 T	0544	1942	0800	2150	1111,1.66; 2314,1.14	0410,0.29; 1739,0.37
22 F	0545	1943	0852	2232	1147,1.62; 2355,1.12	0447,0.33; 1817,0.39
23 S	0545	1943	0944	2310	1225,1.57	0528,0.39; 1859,0.41
24 S	0546	1944	1038	2347	0041,1.11; 1305,1.52	0612,0.46; 1944,0.42
25 M	0546	1944	1133		0135,1.10; 1349,1.46	0704,0.52; 2033,0.41
26 T	0547	1945	1228	0023	0239,1.13; 1442,1.40	0808,0.58; 2126,0.39
27 W	0548	1945	1325	0059	0348,1.20; 1542,1.36	0923,0.60; 2220,0.35
28 T	0548	1945	1425	0136	0456,1.31; 1646,1.33	1041,0.58; 2314,0.29
29 F	0549	1946	1527	0215	0557,1.46; 1734,1.38	1155,0.52
30 S	0550	1946	1632	0259	0653,1.61; 1854,1.31	0004,1.22; 1302,0.43
31 S	0550	1946	1739	0347	0746,1.75; 1953,1.32	0054,0.15; 1404,0.33

Times are Eastern Standard.
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
Data courtesy of the Bureau of Meteorology.



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1st SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333	5th SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC 0490 026 840	5th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn 0439 489 631	
2nd SUN The Channon 6688 6433	
2nd SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609	
2nd SUN Alstonville 6628 1568	
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall 0490 329 159	
2nd SUN Coolangatta	
3rd SAT Mullumbimby 6684 3370	
3rd SAT Murwillumbah 0413 804 024	
3rd SUN Uki 0487 329 150	
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333	
3rd SUN Ballina 6687 4328	
4th SAT Evans Head 0439 489 631	
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Each WED 7-11am M'bah 6684 7834	
Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin 6689 1512	
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Breakaway riders dominate Byron Bay criterium cycling

Ritchie Duncan

The second criterium summer racing by the Byron Bay Cycling Club was held in great riding conditions and saw quick times last Sunday at the Byron Arts and Industry Estate circuit.

In the main race A and B grades were combined owing to a smaller number on cyclists but this did not slow the pace or diminish the winning effort of Matt Bickel.

He broke away from the main group on the second lap and stayed out in front slowly extending his lead for the whole race, catching and lapping the field on his final lap.

This left the rest of the group to fight it out for the minor placings. David Erbacher narrowly outpaced Connor Gibney in the final sprint. Connor was also the fastest/best junior!

C grade followed a similar pattern to the first race, but this time Jason Denson was the standout rider.

After the first few laps and travelling at 45km/h Jason broke away with a couple of other riders but soon found himself alone. He made the most of the opportunity and put his head down and stayed ahead of the bunch for the rest of the race, taking first place and the mid-race sprint.

Once again the bunch was left to sprint it out for the minor placings with Matt Perkins outpacing Damian Chappelle and Matt Long.



C-grade podium: Jason, Matt and Damian. Photo supplied

Rachel Pearson rode well and was awarded the best female rider.

There was a solid field for D grade and they rode well keeping pace with C grade at times. Unlike the other grades, they stayed together until the final sprint.

Andrew Downey showed some solid pace to take the mid-race sprint but faded afterwards.

Graeme Way won after a clever race and left the field behind in the sprint to the line followed by Ben Hogan and Paul Barton.

Ben was riding in his first criterium as a junior and did well to secure second.

It was great to see Denise Bennett back racing and making life hard for the men!

The number of riders from different clubs did add

that extra spice to the race and it would be great to see them at future events.

The new calendar will be sorted soon and be available on the club's website.

Results

A/B Grade: Matt Bickel (Balmoral CC), David Erbacher (Grafton CC), Connor Gibney (Byron CC)

C Grade: Jason Denson (Murwillumbah CC), Matt Perkins (Murwillumbah CC), Damian Chappelle (Byron Bay CC)

Prime: Jason Denson
Best Female Rider: Rachel Pearson (Byron Bay CC)

D Grade: Graham Way (Byron Bay CC), Ben Hogan (Ballina CC), Paul Barton (North West Sydney CC)

Prime: Andrew Downey (Ballina CC)

Moment of truth for Stu Kennedy as world title decided at Pipeline



Matt Wilkinson is looking for a big Pipeline show this week. Photo Cestari/WSL

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Matt Wilkinson and Lennox Head's Stu Kennedy are preparing to surf at the Billabong Pipe Masters, which is the final event for 2017 and features a four-way World Title Showdown.

Unfortunately neither of our local pro surfers is involved in the showdown that will feature John John Florence, Gabriel Medina, Jordy Smith and Julian Wilson.

Matt Wilkinson can improve his current sixth-place ranking and possibly finish in the top five if he can get past round three; after his win in Fiji he should carry confidence into his Pipe campaign. For Kennedy this could be his last competition at the top level as only a win at Pipe could save him from relegation.

John John Florence remains the current Jeep Leader, giving him the edge over the others.

Florence and Medina are the red hot favourites with Smith and Wilson outside chances.

The equation

If John John makes the final of the Billabong Pipe Masters he wins the 2017 World Title.

If Gabriel Medina wins the event, he'll win the World Title if Florence finishes no better than third.

If Florence gets ninth, Medina can clinch the Title with a finals appearance.

Jordy Smith can do the same with a win.

If John John gets 13th or 25th, Medina just needs a fifth to clinch the Title, Smith a second, and Julian a win.

Longboarders

The Lennox Longboarders wrapped up another successful year with their Christmas Party and Club Presentation, club secretary

Wayne Booth said.

'Another great club night, great venue and of course a great Santa showup, Steve O'Neill, always a great Santa display, the bike riding around Williams Reserve a classic and music from Chris Ashdown, top DJing. Ta from everyone.'

Eleanor Robertson won the longboard from Amos Shapes, and was named ladies champion. Runner-up Terry Kay.

Club champion: Aaron Smith, Nathan McKenzie second.

Mens encouragement, Will Petrie.

Ladies encouragement, Adele Purbrick.

Mens rookie, Bevan Armstrong.

Ladies rookie, Heather Reynolds.

Club Sponsor, Mobile Plumbing, Lennox Head.

Club person of 2017, Wayne Booth.

Strong winds wipe out Tweed sailors

Only six boats out of a fleet of 14 sailed by 25 crew were able to complete the fifth race of the Tweed Valley Sailing Club summer series as strong winds reaching up to 26 knots hit the Tweed River last weekend.

With many retiring early it was exciting sailing for the survivors. The strong flood tide against the wind created large waves in the river which enabled boats to surf and gain speed.

The first to finish was the Weta *Scored a Tri* (John and Saffron Cook) that completed the 10km course in a record time of 70 minutes.

John and Saffron were very happy with their afternoon, winning their first line honours result this season, edging out perennial win-



Tornado on a reach to a win. Photo supplied

ner Dave Chester and crew Kynan Luescher on a Hobie 16, who led the fleet by three minutes after the first lap but were forced to retire following a capsize early into the second lap.

Line honours in the mono hulls went to NS14 *Tornado*,

(Bill Fenelon and Taj Krasna) beating second-placed Laser *Siesta* (Gary McCrohan) by two minutes and third-placed Laser *Bluey* (Kate Yeomans) only nine seconds behind.

Three boats started in the North Coast NS14 Class Championship with only one

completing the course.

The 30-year-old northern rivers built NS14 *Tornado* was skilfully sailed and avoided damage to complete the difficult course and take the bullet.

Tornado showed exceptional boat speed on the fast reaching legs and led for most of the race.

New sailors Andrew Jaggers and Jessie Normans sailed NS14 *Blue Tack*, but withdrew after numerous capsize, while Tasar *Hippocampus* (Mike and Imogen Mansted) was also forced to retire early with a broken mast while actually leading the fleet.

It was a disappointing result for Mike and Imogen as this would have been their first race win.

Ray Griffiths takes out Stableford at Teven



Ray (R) with runner-up Ray on Saturday. Photo supplied

Ray Griffiths has won the latest round on the Teven Golf Club Men's Division playing a 9-hole Stableford competition on Saturday.

Ray Griffiths with 21 points won on a countback over runner-up Robert Tillman.

Next home was Chris Gee (20 points), Ian Coochi-

roff (20), Geoff Colnan (19), Frank Jamieson (19), John Mathias (18), Rex Nixon (18) and Ian McDuff (18).

NTPs: Ian McDuff (fourth); David Fowler (eight).

Next competition is this Saturday December 16 from 6.15am.

Second in the summer league readies MBVFC women for premier division

After finishing the regular season with grandfinal wins the Mullumbimby-Brunswick Valley Football Club's top female players contested the Summer Youth League and enjoyed more success.

Head coach Jonathan Flantz and assistant coach Lee Scriven combined some of the most talented female footballers from the club's second division and U/16 squads to contest the SYL.

The combined team was a force to be reckoned with, securing seven convincing wins out of nine exciting games and finishing second place on the ladder.

The girls conceded defeat only once to unstoppable table toppers, Lismore Thistles, coming away 3-0 down after a hard-fought and thrilling game, arguably showcasing some of the best female footballers and skills in the region.

The MBVFC girls are



One of the MBVFC's young guns on the dribble in the SYL. Photo supplied

looking forward to a rematch with the Lismore Thistles' side when they enter the Football Far North Coast Women's Premier Division for the first time in 2018!

Join the squad

Jonathan Flantz will be running training sessions with the MBVFC Chincogan Real Estate Women's Premier Division team at Pine

Avenue, Mullumbimby every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm till 7.30pm, commencing on 23 January.

Any players interested in trying out are welcome to come along and join the fun.

For more information and details contact Sharon Scriven, Female Football Officer on 0435 057463 or via email to prems@mbvfc.com.au.

Football biggest club sport by far

Football continues to be Australia's largest club-based participation sport by a wide margin with almost half a million more participants than AFL and more than twice as many as cricket.

Rugby League and Rugby Union do not make the list of the top 10 club-based sports in terms of participation.

An update of the Australian Sports Commission's

official AusPlay survey, the largest survey of its type ever undertaken in Australia, shows that 1,152,144 men, women, boys and girls are participating in football.

'Football has never been bigger or busier,' said Football Federation Australia CEO David Gallop.

'It's the people's game. Wherever you are around this country, whatever your age,

background or ability, there is a place for you in football.

'With the Socceroos qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia and the Matildas in world's best form, we expect to see even more people taking up football over the coming year.

'Our MiniRoos program is the most participated junior sports initiative of any code,' he said.

Rickert wins Mullumbimby Ex-Services 2017 minor singles

Leigh Rickert won the 2017 Minor Singles at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club over the weekend.

Leigh took on Andrew Moroney and after nineteen ends only one shot separated the two players.

But Rickert was able to pick up seven shots on the next two ends and he held on to this break to take the title 31-23.

The semifinals of the 2017 Triples Championship were also played at Mullum over the weekend, and once again featured some tight contests.

In the first game Phil Johnston, PJ Johnston and Bernie O'Hearn went down to Ben Leeson, Richie Northcott and Mark Holton 24-13.

The second match saw the scores tied at 20 all.



There were plenty of close games as the 2017 finals unfolded at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Bowling Club over the weekend. Photo supplied

An extra end was played and Ashley Lumsden, Sean Doherty and Shane Knight gained a shot to run out the narrowest of winners over Sam Abraham, Allan Bartlett and Michael Burke.

In Saturday's social bowls Errol Boyter and Nev Lee

won the pairs with two wins, +9.

They were followed home by Geoff Flick and Jean-Claude Canabou one win one loss, +2; Michael Lardi and Gary Porter one win one loss, -4; and Ian Weir and Sharon Thomas two losses, -6.

Byron Bay Wildcats roar into third place in youth competition



Consistent play earned the BBFC Wildcats a third place in the YSL. Photo supplied

John McKay

In a contest for third place in the Summer Youth League the Spell and the Gypsy Collective Byron Bay Wildcats travelled to Lennox Head for their final game and came away clear winners.

Both teams were sitting equal third on the table going into the match although the Byron team had a superior for and against.

The Lennox team were under strength but this didn't stop them playing and from the start they were very phys-

ical and typically skilled.

The Wildcats weathered an early storm before their consistent goal scorer Samy Bashford got in behind the Lennox defence and delightfully chipped their goalie to put the Wildcats up by one.

Lisa Bolt, the Wildcats striker, then got to work and used her express pace to finally beat the offside trap and went round the goalie for the team's second.

Lennox hit back with a nice strike to go into the half-time break 2-1.

From there it never really

felt like the Wildcats were under too much pressure and ended up winning 5-2.

Lisa Bolt added another two to her tally for a well-earned triple (and a yellow card to boot) and a wonder strike from their dominant mid-fielder, Zoe Corbett, sealed it for the Wildcats.

It has been a very successful Summer Youth League for the squad, finishing third in a hard-fought competition.

They also blooded new players and developed some great combinations for the new year.

Cream rises to top and Kronix collect their first win in Byron Twilight cricket

Syl Reid

The Bowlo are proving tough to beat and now sit two wins in front of the pack after another round of the Byron Bay Brewery Twilight Cricket competition.

First up Rip Starters defeated TNR with Greeny and Barnesy both getting 30 runs. For the accountants Ben hit 38 runs and Jason 31.

Wednesday saw the undefeated Bowlo continue on their winning way, this

time beating the Hot Bread Loafers despite the piemen's Ewan scoring 33 and Brady 31. Simon on 30 runs was the Bowlo's top-scorer and the rest all made runs to overtake the Loafers' total.

Town and Country Surfboards had another win on Thursday, this time against Eureka Grass. Toby made a rare 50 runs for the Boardies while Matt returned 2/9 with the ball to thwart Eureka when they came in to bat. Anthony hit 27 runs to be the

best on the day for Eureka, who couldn't find the big finish they needed.

The Kronix knocked out their first win on Friday by defeating the Rugby Club.

Locky and Owen both hit 30 runs for the Ks and Matt from the Rugby made runs and Beastie got 30 to be their best. There are two weeks of competition left before we break for Christmas.

PMD and West Tower Windies were washed out and will now play in January.

Finalist win through for Byron Bay Bowling club fours

Busy times have seen the finalist for the Club Fours determined at the Byron Bay Bowling Club.

In the first semifinal Toby Schott, Werner Borkhardt, John Nasser and Bulla Burton got the win over Ken Rutger, Paul Bezroucho, Dean Dhnaram and Syl Reid.

The other semi winners were Craig Johnson, Glen Ward, Mark Brown and Paul Clark, who defeated Brett Luker, William Green, Aar-

on Richter-Steers and Steve Hammond on Saturday in the rain.

The Final is scheduled for this Thursday, December 14.

Last week's Twilight Bowls were won by Marie Lawlis, Pam Scarborough and Pat Bigg with Eileen de Kantzow and Bulla Burton runners-up.

Socially, Thursday's self-selected Pairs was taken out by Brett Luker and Steve Hammond.

Bev Gawned and Ivan

Eastern got the second prize while Brett got the T-Bone tray.

The Margins Jackpot did not go off and goes to \$70 this week.

This Sunday the club is holding its annual Christmas Mixed Pairs starting at 12.45 pm. It is three-bowl Triples, played over two games of 18 ends and there are plenty of Christmas goodies for prizes.

Limited spots available so ring the Club on 6685 6202.

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Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Thursday 9am–4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Thursday 9–11am at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

Alateen Meeting

Alateen Meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

Social sporting groups

Senior social table tennis at Bangalow Bowling Club Sundays 2–4pm. All levels welcomed. Call Margot 0412 394 932. **Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club** welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, Mullumbimby, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058.

Breast Cancer Support

Byron Breast Cancer Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday 12–2pm at NSW Cancer Council rooms 8/130 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Anyone experiencing/ed breast and gynaecological cancers are most welcome to attend. Enquiries Linda 0413 668 828.

Grief loss bereavement

Free support service. Carl Moore, registered psychologist. By appointment grief.loss.bereavement.byron@gmail.com 0401 081 713.

Cty Shopping Bus

Seats available on fortnightly Community Transport Shopping Bus from Suffolk Park/Byron Bay to Byron town centre. The door-to-door bus costs \$6 and is available to people who can’t access mainstream transport due to age, disability or other reason. Call Amanda 1300 875 895.

Language exchange

Byron Language Exchange Club is a free conversation meet up held twice a month in Byron Bay. Contact Paola info@clacademy.com.au, and don’t forget to mention the language you want to practise. Volunteers welcome.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** Open Monday 12–4.30pm, and Tuesday–Friday 7.30am–4.30pm. Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Available for event hire

and welcome all groups and visitors. Phone 6687 2183.

Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby – Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads – Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Friday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby – Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads – Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay – Tuesday 10.30am.

No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people on low incomes with safe, fair interest-free loans of up to \$1,000 for purchasing essential goods and services. Contact the Byron Community Centre to find out more.

Budgeting Support

Money Matters is a free service helping people identify where their money is going, how best to save and, most importantly, how to get on top of bills! Contact the Byron Community Centre to make an appointment; private sessions run every Monday afternoon.

Volunteer hub

Choose from 40 organisations at the volunteer hub at Byron Community Centre. Make a difference in your community, have fun, learn new skills and meet people Ph 6685 6807 email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au

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Contact Improvisation Saturdays in Mullumbimby 10–12 noon at St Martin’s, Church Hall, Stuart St Mullumbimby. All level of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. For more information phone Elaine 0755 808 215.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Presbyterian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Megan 0424 002 636 or Bruce 0418 515 991.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or mishaele@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation** and Study Group 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby Civic Hall. Contact Didi 0408 008 769 for more info. **Byron Mindfulness-Insight Meditation** Sangha & Pairoj Brahma 7pm–9pm Tuesdays at The Yurt, Temple Byron www.templebyron.com. No fees. Andrew 0426 119 171, Pairoj 0423 241 916. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** Free meditation classes Monday, 7.45pm, Ananta Yoga Studio (above Byron Music) 28/144 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743.

Social Table Tennis

South Golden Shores Community Centre every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932.

Bruns tennis

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 5–7pm. \$6.00, all welcome. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.

U3A discussion group

Brunswick Valley U3A audiovisual discussion group, Thursdays 10am Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Info 0432 165 006.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and

challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280. Are you concerned about somebody else’s drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia. **Crystal Meth Anonymous** is a fellowship of people for whom all drugs (but especially crystal meth) had become a problem. Meeting held Thursday 6pm, Presbyterian Church Hall, 13 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Call 0478 061 479 or visit: www.crystalmeth.org.au.

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Men’s Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men’s groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Carers’ support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers’ Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Choirs

Bay Singers meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets

Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@raisetheroofsinging.com 0417 277 211.

Homeschool teens

Get together with other teens and their families for regular meet-ups and activities in and around Byron Shire homeschooling families. For more information join our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/byronbayteenhomeschool/.

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children’s Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerratizo10@gmail.com.

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall, is open every Tues & Thurs 10am–2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am–4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am–1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5–7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday–Saturday 9am–noon.

Baby massage

At the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre. Friday mornings, weekly, baby massage classes for expectant and new parents and carers. Gold coin contribution. Bookings essential. Linda 0411 985 557

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#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused

Free kids’ activities

Byron Bay Library is hosting free activities for kids these holidays. **Wednesday 3 January:** 10.30am: Fairy Popplina, the magical book-reading fairy for story time. For children of all ages. Bookings required: 6685 8540. **Wednesday 10 January, 10.30am:** Fabulous Felt. Make your own wallet. Five and up. Bookings required: 6685 8540 **Wednesday 17 January, 10.30am:** Make a birdhouse. Aged five and up. Bookings required: 6685 8540. **Week of 22–27 January:** BIG games with GIANT chess, TOWERING Connect-4 GARGANTUAN dominos and ENORMOUS checkers. All ages.

BV UA3

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 19 December 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Dot Andrews presents A Christmas Concert. Visitors and potential new members very welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Chemical Free Landcare

Chemical Free Landcare working bee Saturday 16 December, 9am till 1pm. Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road fire track gate, not far from the Surf Club.

Breastfeeding film

Breastfeeding film *The Milky Way*, showing at The Australian Breastfeeding Association local Byron Ballina Group final meeting for 2017. Thursday 14 December, 9.30am at the St John’s Hall, Murwillumbah Road, Mullumbimby. Enquiries Jan 0431 477 445. All welcome.

Byron Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on December 18.



on connecting anyone interested in startups or small biz. See startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/startupbyron-un-networking.

Byron FLEA

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crescent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Berri 0490 026 840.

ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes in Mullumbimby, suitable for beginners to advanced learners. More info call 0421 796 529 or 6674 7267.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 8am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4.15pm, Saturday 9am–12.15pm. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday – Thursday 10am–3.30pm, Friday 9am – 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am–2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–2pm. and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations. 6621 7397.

Mungo’s Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Small measure, small bird – an unknown being (6)

4. English drunk, Mr Idle, not many understand (8)

10. Accomplish's trick: festival about dubious trade (11)

11. Time in charge of spasm (3)

12. Mate, medical officer, the Italian, making environmentally destructive agricultural product (4,3)

14. Record about alien's food requirements (7)

15. Frustration of hell job (14)

17. Santa with poor habit – unfortunate worry about being shut in (14)

21. Now English in the summit of the realm of higher learning (7)

22. Over, finish, nowhere to go (4,3)

23. River grass? (3)

24. She runs the meeting to distribute share in crop (11)

26. Law rests uneasily on spendthrifts (8)

27. Smart, like you – French nominative and accusative! (6)

DOWN

1. Pa ceased madcap adventure (8)

2. Not up to the weight (3)

3. You want to be in it, not round it (3,4)

5. Get up! Attention! Those are the rules of the gathering! (8,6)

6. The muse revealed in an ancient Greek temple (7)

7. Rebel rat in a dilemma – at least he can be educated again (11)

8. One hundred? Nothing, two hundred axes needed for the base of the spine (6)

9. Blab, tell, flee – oh, the hanky-panky with the foxiest girl at the dance (5,2,3,4)

13. Defeat the guides – they’re only there to tempt you (4,7)

16. Strike ball – it’s a form of entertainment (3,5)

18. Crusade over cheap transport (4,3)

19. Pull with opposite directions? Golly gosh! (7)

20. New pointer, but could be constricted (6)

25. Thus, you say, for a coin (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. A being, an individual (6)

4. Recondite; understood by a select few (8)

10. Accomplice, co-conspirator (11)

11. Twitch, spasm (3)

12. Lubricant derived from genus of tropical trees (4,3)

14. Concerning food requirements (7)

15. Frustration, unhappiness at unrealised expectations (14)

17. Morbid fear of enclosed spaces (14)

21. Universities and colleges collectively (7)

22. Cul de sac (4,3)

23. Type of grain used to make whisky (3)

24. One in charge of a meeting (11)

26. Spendthrifts, ne'er-do-wells (8)

27. Smart, cunning (6)

DOWN

1. Adventure, prank (8)

2. Heavy weight in imperial system (3)

3. If you are in this, you are informed and involved (3,4)

5. Rules governing procedure, especially of a meeting (8,6)

6. Ancient Athenian temple to Hephaistus (7)

7. Capable of being re-educated (11)

8. Small triangular bone at the base of the spinal column (6)

9. Most beautiful girl at the dance (5,2,3,4)

13. Items discounted to bring customers into a shop in the hope they will buy more (4,7)

16. Performance characterised by rhythmic sounds from the soles and heels of shoes (3,5)

18. Second-hand vehicle (4,3)

19. The firmament, the skies (7)

20. Constricted, not wide (6)

25. Old small French coin (3)

Last week’s solution N208

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Hip hip hooray – extra urban domestic bin collections are planned by Council over the festive season. From Monday December 25 until Sunday January 7, Byron Shire residents can place all three bins on the kerbside for weekly collection.

Proving it's never too late to get with the program... congratulations to the NSW National Party, who passed a motion at their north coast conference on Sunday that reads: 'This conference calls for the transition from relying on fossil fuel technology to alternative modern technologies for energy sources and storage options to be prioritised.'

Yet renewable aspirations can't come soon enough for some residents, who surrounded federal Nationals MP Kevin Hogan's Lismore office on Monday to deliver 400 surveys against the giant QLD Adani coal mine, along with a giant Christmas card saying 'Kevin Hogan, all we want for Christmas is to Stop Adani'. They also brought cake, which read *Stop Adani*.

A new six-month trial bus service is now operating Monday to Friday for commuters working in Lismore but living in Byron Bay, Ballina and Lennox Head. Blanch's buses leave Byron's Jonson Street (opposite Woolworths) from 7.20am and reach the Lismore Spinks Park transit centre at 8.40am. The bus leaves Lismore for Byron at 5.15pm and an afternoon service is also running. For more info visit 6686 2144 or visit www.blanchs.com.au.

As if it's not hard enough being surrounded by idiots on



A Bruns zen moment: Ocean Shores resident Michael met a friendly wagtail at Bruns Beach on Saturday. Cristina Sharratt took the picture and said, 'Everyone was mesmerised by the way the bird was hopping and flying about him.'

his front and back benches, PM Malcolm Turnbull had to put up with an hour of the unwashed masses on TV's Q&A on Monday night. It didn't go well – no-one really understands how great he thinks he is.

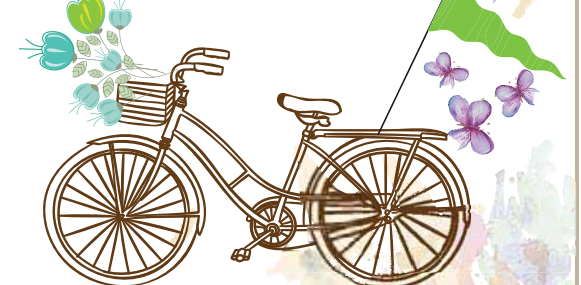
Former ABC and *Echo* journalist Dr Ray Moynihan is hosting a new podcast on healthcare, ideal for Christmas podding. Called *The Recommended Dose*, Moynihan says it's a series of intimate and accessible conversations with some of the best medical minds on the planet, 'covering the biggest controversies in healthcare'. Tune in free at www.australia.cochrane.org/trd.

Does Council support free speech? Yes, but. A press release last week from councillor Sarah Ndiaye and the mayor called upon organisers to abandon the 'culturally inappropriate and insensitive' Standing Stones meeting, proposed for December 12 at Mullum's Civic Hall. The councillors were in support

of the Arakwal Corporation and the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council (LAC), who were opposed. Mayor Richardson said, '... while Council supports the rights

of free speech, Council stands alongside our local custodians in both not supporting the event and urging organisers to respect the opinions of local Indigenous leaders.'

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